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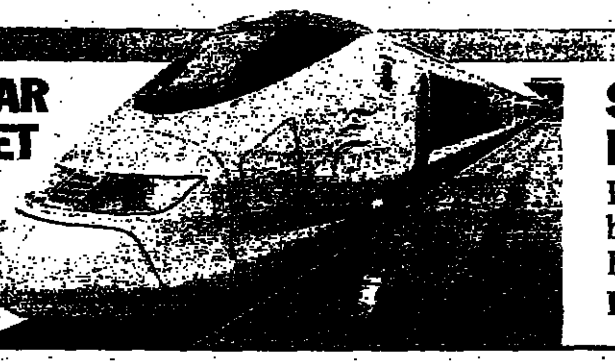

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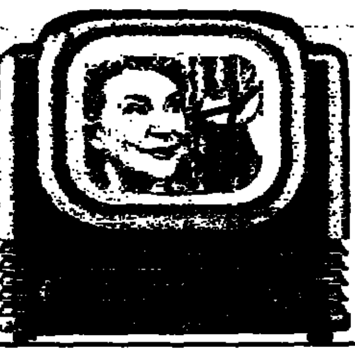

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Attempt to evade Euro ruling vetoed

Caning call earns rebuke for Shephard

By Philip Webster and John O'Leary

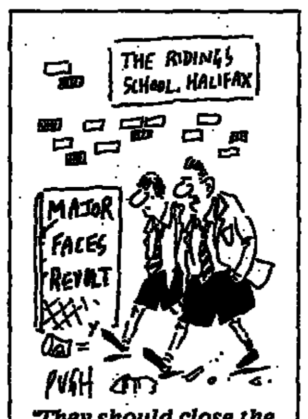
JOHN MAJOR was facing a revolt by rightwingers last night after reproaching Gillian Shephard for suggesting that schools could bring back the cane.

Several backbenchers said that they would back an education Bill amendment to restore corporal punishment in state schools, even though Mrs Shephard had to tell the Commons that the Government could not support it.

The deep split over the issue was exposed after the Education Secretary described corporal punishment as a very useful deterrent. Her pronouncement on BBC Radio was swiftly followed by a telephone call from the Prime Minister advising her against pressing the idea any further.

Tory MPs hoping to use the new Bill to give parents the right to consent to the caning of their children, bypassing a 1982 European Court of Human Rights ruling, were angry that Mr Major had scuppered their move.

Mrs Shephard was aware of their views when she made her controversial statement yesterday morning, and she was later cheered by Tory backbenchers in the Commons when she repeated her support for the cane. She admitted, however, that Mr Major took a different personal view and said that while amendments might be tabled seeking to restore corporal punishment "we won't be giving them government backing".



"They should close the place down — no one can keep control"

James Pawsey, chairman of the Tory backbench education committee, nevertheless made plain his backing for a change to the law to allow parents to consent to corporal punishment in the new home-school contracts. He said that many parents would rather their children were caned than excluded from school.

The episode delighted the Labour leadership and Tony Blair mocked Mr Major for "contradicting and reprimanding" Mrs Shephard from his mobile phone on a train. But for Conservative MPs it was the latest sign of uncertainty in the Government over how to respond to the morality debate sparked by Frances Lawrence.

The extraordinary sequence of events began when Mrs Shephard was asked on the *Today* programme about suggestions that she and Michael Howard backed corporal punishment. "There is a lot of support for bringing back caning," she said. Although there was no proposal in her Bill, "I have no doubt there will be people in the House who might wish to bring it forward as the Bill proceeds through Parliament."

Two hours later, Mrs Shephard was interrupted in the middle of a speech while opening a sixth form at a Surrey school to take a call from Mr Major, who reminded her that "settled government policy" was against any return to the cane.

Downing Street said that the Prime Minister had telephoned Mrs Shephard and "in a good conversation" asked her "to make sure the position is very clear". The spokesman said there were a range of views in the Government over caning: "But the Government is not persuaded of its practicality. It is not going to put it in the Bill."

Even if the law were changed, schools would be unlikely to revive caning, since all the main teacher and parent groups opposed it.

John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, said: "The world has moved on since the mid-1980s when caning was abolished. Bringing it back would open teachers to legal accusations of assault. It would also raise the question of discrimination — whether it would be brought back just for boys or for girls as well."

David Hart, of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Re-introducing it would leave teachers vulnerable to action for damages under European law. There is also the danger that it would be abused in a minority of cases." The National Union of Teachers said: "Teachers do not want to be involved in legalised assault on children."

Britain was the last European country to abolish corporal punishment in state schools in 1986; only a handful of independent schools keep the cane.

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Mother's legal action over school closure

By Kathryn Knight

THE mother of Matthew Wilson, the 10-year-old boy whose bad behaviour led to the closure of a primary school, said yesterday that she was seeking a judicial review over the headmaster's actions.

Pamela Cliffe claimed her son was being used as a political pawn by unions, politicians and teachers. The gates of Manton Junior School in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, were closed after Mr Bill Skelley, the head, decided not to allow Matthew into lessons.

Mrs Cliffe's solicitor, Steve Williams, said his client had come to him in frustration. "She said that Matthew and herself had done everything asked of them by the teachers, the unions and the local education authority. Matthew is being used as a political football."

Mr Williams added that an action would definitely be lodged which might lead to the school and headmaster being sued.

Parents taking their children into the neighbouring infants' school all supported the headmaster's action and blamed the governors. Bernadette Barass, 38, and mother of 10-year-old Alison, said: "The governors are not willing to give the head of the school the benefit of the doubt. They're not seeing what he's seeing, and if they did their eyes would be opened. The governors appointed this man and now they won't listen to him."

Mr Skelley would not comment yesterday but a spokesman for his union, the NUT, said everyone was "very saddened" by the situation.

Fred Riddell, chairman of Nottingham's education committee, said that the LEA would be meeting the school governors and unions separately today.

Meanwhile, Matthew kicked a football of his own outside his home as he took advantage of what may be the first of many days off school.

JACQUELINE GODANY/REUTERS

Lord Hindlip, Christie's chairman, points during yesterday's auction in Vienna

Scramble for Holocaust art

By Roger Boyes

RECORDS crashed yesterday as private collectors, museums and Holocaust survivors bid fiercely for art works that symbolise Austria's neglected Jewish past.

Rarely has there been a sale so heavy with emotion and so politically charged: the 8,000 works of art, looted by the Nazis, represent a slice of prewar Jewish life and the shame of postwar Austrian authorities who made only tepid attempts to trace owners. The money raised in the auction in Vienna will go mainly to Jewish charities; some will help non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

The first sign that this was no ordinary auction came with Lot 31. An oil painting — roses, tulips and poppies in a glass vase — by the 17th-century master Abraham Mignon was expected to reach $74,000 (£46,000). It went to a London dealer, Richard Green, for $1.5 million (£930,000). By the end of the first session yesterday, Christie's announced that they had already netted more than $5 million, the total expected for two days of bidding. "It is clear that this is a very emotional sale," said a spokeswoman for Christie's in Vienna, which is not charging commission. "The results are reflecting its tremendous poignancy as well as the strong artistic significance."

The biggest sale was expected to be completed about midnight: a rare painting by the Russian artist Aleksandr Archipenko. Dealers said that a major Jewish institution was likely to win the bidding.

Abraham Mignon's oil, which sold for £930,000

Peter Noever, Director of Vienna's Museum for Applied Art, gave voice to some of the feelings about the sale: "This is not a moment for joy. These are the heirlooms of the dead, the expelled and the forgotten — stolen art from stolen lives." Jewish community leaders in particular were unhappy about the way Austrian authorities have dragged their feet in the matter for more than four decades.

The Allies, who found the hoard in a saltmine, urged Austria to find the owners and return the works, which include sketches, sculptures, rare books and coins as well as fine oil paintings. Instead, most of the collection was borrowed by Austrian museums or stored. Eventually, lobbying pushed Austria towards the auction. Franz Vranitzky, the Chancellor, set the new tone with a pre-auction speech apologising to the Jewish people.

Swift's Last Orders wins close-run Booker race

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

GRAHAM SWIFT, a novelist who has expressed regret about the "racehorse element" of competitions, last night won the 1996 Booker Prize, the literary world's £20,000 answer to the Grand National.

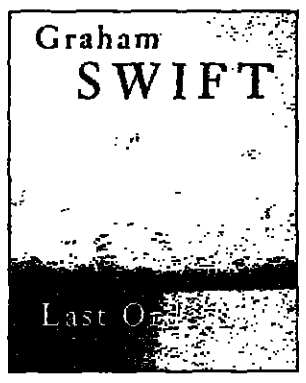
Although his novel *Last Orders*, a story of a bizarre day's outing, was the hot favourite, there had been rows between the judges. Their chairman, Carmen Callil, co-founder of the feminist publisher Virago and a critic of the male-dominated publishing industry, objected to his book. She was batting for Margaret Atwood's *Alias Grace*.

One source said: "Carmen must be the worst chairperson to have. You need to be objective and diplomatic. She is the most unobjective and undiplomatic person in the history of the world."

However, an insider said it had been a close-run thing. The choice was between Swift, Atwood and Seamus Deane (*Reading in the Dark*). The others — Beryl Bainbridge (*Every Man for Himself*), Rohinton Mistry (*A Fine Balance*) and Shena Mackay (*The Orchard on Fire*) — were ruled out very early in yesterday's final judging session. "Part of the trouble," he said, "was that the judges read those shortlisted works two or three times. Some were thinner on the third reading."

BookTrack, which has monitored sales of the six shortlisted novels in more than 600 bookshops, reported on Saturday that *Last Orders* had sold only three copies in that week.

Swift, born in 1949 and living in Wandsworth, was shortlisted for the Booker for *Waterland*, described as the finest British novel of the 1980s. His work has been translated into more than 20 languages. He regards *Last Orders* as his strongest yet.



Graham Swift and book of the moment

The judges eventually concluded that it was "beautifully reflective of this country at the moment," the insider said.

In a formal statement, Ms Callil said: "Choosing the winner was torture, but we eventually settled on *Last Orders*, a wonderful book that will give pleasure to thousands of people."

Auberon Waugh, editor of *The Literary Review*, said: "The Swift is not my favourite. It lacks a sense of the ridiculous and humour." But Alastair Niven, literature director of the Arts Council of England, said Swift was "such a intuitive writer".

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Bloodbath on Broadway as Mackintosh sacks Les Mis cast

From Quentin Letts in New York

SIR Cameron Mackintosh, the British impresario, has shaken New York's theatre world by sacking almost all the cast of his long-running musical *Les Misérables*.

In what stage lore may come to recall as the Bloodbath on Broadway, Sir Cameron announced radical changes to the decade-old show because it was suffering from "long-run-itis". Nearly all the 37 actors will go, and a new cast will open in March.

The musical's logo of a torn-clothed, smudge-faced waif was, by all accounts, a fair reflection of the scenes in the dressing rooms of Manhattan's Imperial Theatre after the news was conveyed to the cast on Sunday. They had just performed the matinée when they were called on to the stage and told that the show needed freshening up.

One source said yesterday that there had been "a run on the tissues" immediately after the news was broken and much dabbing of powdered noses. Only one actor in a major part will be retained.

The American branch of Equity, the actors' union, said the move was "unprecedented and very distressing" and promised to help actors to obtain pay-offs, some of which may reach $17,000 (£10,000).

Productions normally change by stealth or because performers move on. Never before has a top musical shed its skin in such a manner. Sir Cameron, with his directors Trevor Nunn and John Caird, took the decision as "Les Mis" was preparing for its tenth anniversary on Broadway.

It has been a great success and continues to pack in the audiences, many of them sweet-natured folk from New Jersey and Pennsylvania — New York's equivalent of the blue rinse set who invade London's West End from the home Counties.

The Broadway production has been seen by about six million people and has made good money for its backers, taking $250 million at the door.

Mr Caird said the sackings were not to be taken personally — many of the actors were "people I would like to work with again". However, he did not want the musical to "turn into Madame Tussaud's", which was a tendency with long-running shows.

Shock was only one emotion at play in Manhattan's theatre district yesterday. Sir Cameron has two other musicals on Broadway, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Miss Saigon*. They are in their eighth and sixth years respectively, and the misery at "Les Mis" generated cluckings of worried speculation about what might happen next. Sir Cameron is also a co-producer of *Cats*, which seems to have been running since there were Indian canoes on the Hudson.

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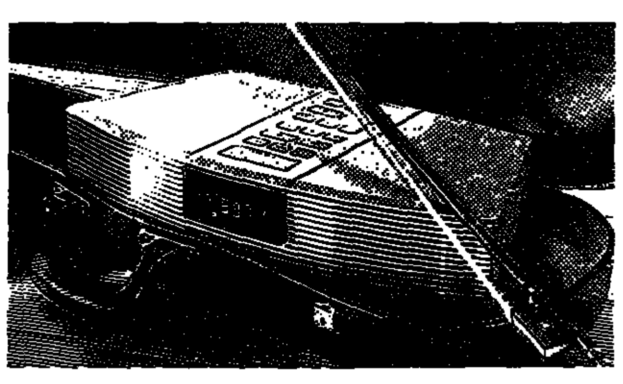

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Rare stroke of pluck given a caning by Corporal Punishment

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

A small exchange during the Education Debate yesterday offers a vignette of the dreadful level of Commons exchanges we can expect to witness until the election. Labour's Margaret Hodge (Barking) put a point to *Education* Secretary Gillian Shephard, then walked out of the Chamber while she was responding to it. Class sneak David Shaw (C. Dover) asked Teacher Shephard to reprove her. "I don't expect she'll be missed," hissed Shephard.

That offers the flavour not *only of the afternoon, but of* the whole coming political *season.*

People who remarry, Dr Johnson once said, are proof of the triumph of hope over experience. So are sketchwriters who return to Prime Minister's Questions after the long Recess believing we may finally see something worth watching.

Maybe John Major, after a summer's reflection, will relax, desist from his peevish digs at the Opposition, and talk to MPs in the grown-up *way he seemed able and* happy to talk to his own *Conference in Bournemouth?*

Maybe Tony Blair will stop moralising, scale down his absurd rhetoric, allow himself a chuckle and give up the clanking, creaking soundbite he has plonked onto the end of every question for two years?

Some hope. They learn nothing. Three months to stand back and reassess — and, come 3.15 on Tuesday October 29, what do they do? Lurch straight back into the same weary, slippery and unconvincing routine which every poll has been telling them for years serves only to irritate the public.

What have I to report to you from yesterday's session that is even amusing, let alone significant? A couple of Labour MPs, including the Party leader, tried to trip up the Prime Minister over BSE and the European ban: a problem which any fool knows can only be exacerbated by a three-minute Punch & Judy ding-dong in the Commons. A Tory backbencher, William Powell (C. Corby) asked a creeping "question" (congratulating Mr Major on his Asian trip) so toe-curlingly craven that to apply the term "poodle" to Mr Powell would be to insult these brave and intelligent dogs.

Courage, in fact, seems to have fled the Chamber, not to return until after the election. Mr Blair didn't even dare mention the inter-Tory squall over corporal punishment until his final soundbite, when it was too late for Mr Major to ask him his own views. As for Major, he ducked the question completely.

But the Education Secretary herself yesterday savoured for the first time a pleasure this Centrist Conservative politician has until now abjured: the sweet sound of the united cheers of the Tory Right. In the course of an unmemorable speech in the Education Debate, listened to fitfully by a handful of MPs, Mrs Shephard decided to repeat that she personally favoured corporal punishment in schools. The lusty roar of support for this which greeted her from behind, at first startled, then pleased her. A baleful pointer to the future.

In fact whenever *the subject* was raised — which it repeatedly was yesterday — Mrs Shephard *couldn't suppress* a mischievous grin. This tiny, *bird-like figure, in a trim black* suit, white blouse and pearls, resembled *a schoolgirl whom* the head had smacked for *insubordination,* but who, because of this, had become *something of a star among the* rowdier elements of her class.

Headmaster Major ought by now to recognise the danger *of corporal punishment at* Westminster. It can turn a *first-time* offender into a hero, and permanent rebel.

Winning to seek meeting with Blair over abortion

By Shirley English

THE head of Scotland's Roman Catholics will seek a meeting with Tony Blair in an attempt to clarify the Labour leader's position on abortion *and place the "right to life"* at the centre of moral debate.

Cardinal *Thomas* Winning of Glasgow yesterday repeated his earlier criticism of Labour's stance on abortion and refused to apologise for remarks in which he accused Mr Blair of having "washed his hands" of the issue. Cardinal Winning said abortion was "*an obvious moral issue* — perhaps the most serious of our times". At a time when the nation was considering banning guns after Dunblane, defending the right to life of the unborn child was not "out of place", he added.

He said he had singled out Labour for criticism because "they *might* well be *the next* Government" and Catholic voters had a right to know where the party stood.

Cardinal Winning was unrepentant in the wake of Labour anger over his comments on the BBC1's *Everyman* programme on Sunday, *in which he said Labour and* Tony Blair had "consistently avoided" condemning abortion. Yesterday he said his words were not meant as a personal attack on Mr Blair and he had no intention of apologising. "When the *Church does take* part in, or open a moral debate in a *pluralistic society, it means* that she is calling for dialogue," he said. "The question I am really asking of all political parties is: is the Abortion Act of 1967 appropriate for 1997? Have we not had enough of the *killing* of unborn children?"

Cardinal *Winning said he* was not telling people how to vote: "That would be foolish. But the Labour Party is very strong in this country, and might well be the next Government, so it is very important for us to know where they stand. I am not going to say *they* are any worse than the Conservative Party as far as *the pro-life issue is concerned.*

"Labour is very much involved in the lives of our people and we would like to know clearly what their policy is. We need to see that they respect those who vote for them and won't dismiss [their views] as right-wing Catholicism." *He said Labour had* "singled itself out" for criticism *because its record on* abortion was "not good". It was the only party he knew of that upheld the 1967 Abortion Act and he feared that, if it took power, it planned to introduce the act to Northern Ireland — something Labour *has denied.*

Cardinal Winning: refused to apologise over remarks

Labour yesterday welcomed Cardinal Winning's assurances that his previous remarks had not been intended as a personal criticism of Tony Blair. John McFall, deputy shadow Scottish secretary, said: "This is not a party political issue but *has* tradtionally been a matter *which is subject to a free vote* in the House of Commons. It is therefore right that the Cardinal should address his comments towards all politicians, as he did today."

Jane Roe, of the Abortion Law Reform group, which *campaigned for the 1967 Act,* condemned the Cardinal's intervention as an attempt to make abortion an election issue. "That is really what he is encouraging, by linking it to party politics. He can chose to believe that abortion is always wrong, but that does not mean it is fair for him to impose those beliefs on others."

Mrs Roe said as many Catholics as non-Catholics had terminations. "They are living in the real world and not in the ideal, hypocritical world of Roman Catholic leaders."

Churches urged to aid low-cost homes

THE ARCHBISHOP of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, yesterday appealed for churches to allow buildings and land surplus to their needs to be used for low-cost housing (Ruth Gledhill writes).

Cardinal Hume, speaking at *Central Hall,* Westminster, said churches had a role to *play in highlighting the moral* aspect of homelessness, and also in giving practical help to those in need of housing. He urged churches to identify 100 potential sites nationwide which could be developed for *housing. "The principle is* surely right that consideration should be given to using any surplus church property to help homeless people when that property is being disposed of," he said. "Today in Britain we have a situation where very large numbers of people do not have a decent home. Few things are more *basic than a home.*"

The Right Rev John Gladwin, Anglican bishop of Guildford, backed his appeal. Church sites are already being developed in Plymouth, Bolton and Portsmouth.

Challenge 'would free thousands of inmates'

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THOUSANDS of prisoners would benefit from early release or a shorter jail term if a court challenge to the way prison sentences are calculated succeeds, the Lord Chief Justice was told yesterday.

Stephen Richards, counsel *for the Home Office, also drew* attention to the consequences of claims for false imprisonment from inmates who believed they had been unlawfully detained. He said: "The consequences would be very serious indeed, both in terms of the release of existing prisoners — and no *doubt* in terms of claims for false *imprisonment.*"

Michelle Evans, 22, serving two years for burglary, actual bodily harm and assault, and Paul Reid, 19, serving two years and three months for burglary and receiving stolen goods, are bringing a test case over the way time spent on *remand is deducted* from concurrent sentences. It follows the early release of more than 500 prisoners serving consecutive sentences. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, blocked further releases.

Evans and Reid argue that the current system of deciding how many days should be deducted for time on remand in custody was "hopelessly complex" and unlawful.

Mr Richards said change "would produce a wholly unjustified benefit for thousands of defendants whose sentences and release dates have been determined." Lord Bingham reserved judgment.

Labour and Lib-Dems to discuss reforms

Labour and the Liberal Democrats *announced yesterday* they will hold joint talks to try to pave the way for sweeping *constitutional reforms in the lifetime of the next* Parliament. Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown have given their full support to the establishment of a cross-party committee to lead the discussions.

Proportional representation, reform of the House of Lords, devolution and a Freedom of Information Act will dominate the agenda of the committee, which met for the first time yesterday and will prepare reports for both party leaders. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, who is *leading the Tories' defence of the constitution,* said: "The Lib/Lab pact which laid Britain low in the 1970s is back."

School assault charge

A primary school head teacher was yesterday charged with common assault on one of his pupils. John Mann, 46, is alleged to have assaulted 11-year-old Paul Price when he intervened in a fight at Portsdown *Primary* School, Portsmouth, in May. Mr Mann, who denied the charge at a *pre-trial review at Portsmouth* Magistrates' Court, *is due to* appear again on January 10.

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Youths brought to book

Parents are to get police reports on their teenage children's antisocial behaviour on the streets of Cambridge and nearby villages. Teenagers causing a nuisance with noise, loutish behaviour and drunkenness *will no longer be moved on* but will have their details taken in an effort to curb such behaviour. *Their parents will get a full briefing with advice* on how to deal with problems.

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Beckett's EMU doubts

Margaret Beckett expressed renewed doubts whether a Labour Government would join the first round of a European single currency. The Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary said the "great nightmare" facing Britain was that it would not be economically strong enough for monetary union by 1999. Her comments reflect recent *signs that Labour* no longer wants to join a single currency in the first wave.

Mail staff set to strike

Postal workers' leaders will today announce the results of a ballot on more strike action at the Royal Mail. Leaders of the Communication Workers' Union were last night confident that members working for the Royal Mail would have voted for new strikes. CWU postal members mounted eight days of strikes earlier this year but suspended the action for a new ballot over the pay offer.

The lost post

A postman who hid mail under his bed because did not like making deliveries up steep hills in Stroud, Gloucestershire, was sentenced to 240 hours community service by magistrates and ordered to pay £191 compensation for extra deliveries. Mail investigators found more than 1,800 letters, packets and circulars after complaints led them to David Bedwell, 23. He has since become a student.

Mackay to chair marriage team

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor will next week launch a top-level initiative to help to prevent *marriage breakdown and* cut the divorce rate.

A *marriage "task force"* chaired by Lord Mackay of Clashfern will announce a scheme to generate new ways of helping married couples to stay together.

Lord Mackay, who is the minister responsible for marriage, said yesterday that his *team of officials drawn from* eight government departments *will invite ideas for new* schemes to support couples.

The task force, which was set up under Lord Mackay's chairmanship last year, is to pump funds into projects designed to cut the rate and costs of marriage breakdown.

Entering the current moral *controversy yesterday for the* first time, the Lord Chancellor also delivered a blunt message that practical help to stop marriage breakdown was of more use than debate. He told *The Times:* "I believe in the importance of doing something practical and what I am trying to do is to work out good ways of helping people prepare for marriage."

The aim of the task force *will be twofold: providing* practical help and advice before marriage and in the early days of a marriage where pressures arise over parenthood or career choices; and publishing a directory of marriage support services.

"These are difficult times. *But I personally* want to address the practical issues *the state can address* ... I would regard it as a practical matter to prepare people for marriage and the responsibilities of marriage."

He also lent his support to Gillian Shepherd's call for marriage to be included in a moral code for schools.

Lord Mackay is now responsible for funding groups such as Relate that offer marriage counselling. Last year the Government spent £2.25 million on marriage guidance and research. This year it will spend £2.32 million.

Swift happy to be judged by his pier

By Erica Wagner

GRAHAM SWIFT, winner of the Booker Prize for his novel *Last Orders,* has confounded critics with a long-awaited return to form. Many had written *him off* after he last reached the Booker shortlist 13 *years ago with Waterland,* his third novel, which won the Guardian Fiction Prize. In the same year he appeared in *Granta's* prescient "Best of Young British Novelists" issue, which also inclued Martin Amis, Pat Barker and Julian Barnes.

His next two novels, *Out of This World* in 1988 and *Ever After* in 1992, received mixed reviews, and he has admitted that his later writing has stood in *Waterland*'s long shadow. "I'd like to think that something I was writing 15 years ago should not haunt me in a disadvantageous way," he said recently.

Swift was born in South *London* in 1949 and educated at Dulwich College (as were *Raymond* Chandler, PG Wodehouse and CS Forrester) and at Cambridge University. His father was a civil servant and he has described his childhood as "a very ordinary suburban existence". The setting of *Last Orders* is a world away from that existence and from his previous work. Lenny, Vic, Ray and Vince travel from Bermondsey to Margate with the ashes of Jack Dodds, a butcher, to scatter them from the end of the pier. A strong picture of intermingled fates emerges, with a redemptive power.

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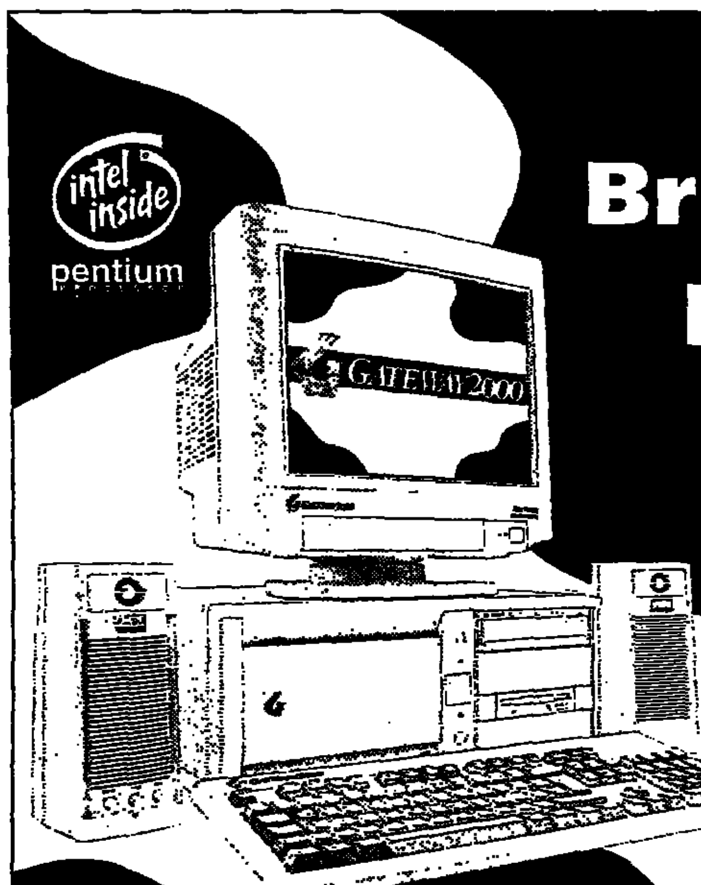

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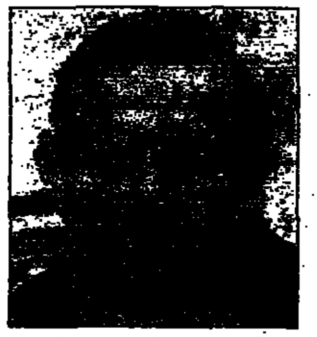

Hobson: nuisance calls

By Emma Wilkins

A RELIGIOUS studies teacher at Wells Cathedral School has received a formal caution from police after making nuisance telephone calls to a former girlfriend.

James Hobson, 54, a department head at the school, made 913 calls to Julie Wood in 13 days, sometimes telephoning every minute for three hours, Wells magistrates were told.

Mr Hobson was originally charged with making improper use of the telephone but he was issued with a formal caution by Avon and Somerset Police after the charge was dropped. Ms Wood, 37, a music teacher who met Mr Hobson when she was working as a supply teacher at the school, kept a diary logging details of the telphone calls. The months after the couple's affair ended in 1993 were a nightmare, she said.

"I told James that our relationship was over but he couldn't accept it. Every day he would bombard me with phone calls and letters begging me to take him back. It was an absolute nightmare from start to finish."

At the hearing yesterday, Patrick Mason, for the prosecution, said: "It appears that they both have had a turbulent relationship. They have both been spoken to and he has been formally cautioned."

Mr Hobson, who was not in court, declined to comment.

In her diary, Ms Wood recorded details of Mr Hobson's attentions. She claimed that he arrived on her doorstep and rang the bell numerous times and wrote to her repeatedly. She wrote to him pointing out that the relationship was over but, she claimed, he persisted in his attentions.

Previously Ms Wood claimed to have had a three-month affair with the Wells town clerk, Keith Donoghue. Senior town councillors advised Mr Donoghue to undergo counselling for his sexual habits after his secretary, Anne Turville, discovered that he kept a pornographic magazine in his desk at work as she hunted for an invoice for the town crier's dry cleaning.

Mr Donoghue, 43, who is married with two children, escaped a move by Wells Town Council to sack him by just two votes.

Wells Cathedral School, which has the motto *Esto Quod Es* (Be what you are) was founded in the 12th century. Its fees are £9,000 a year.

Insurers predict £150 million bill after country is battered by 90mph winds

Hurricane leaves trail of destruction

By Damian Whitworth and Marianne Curphey

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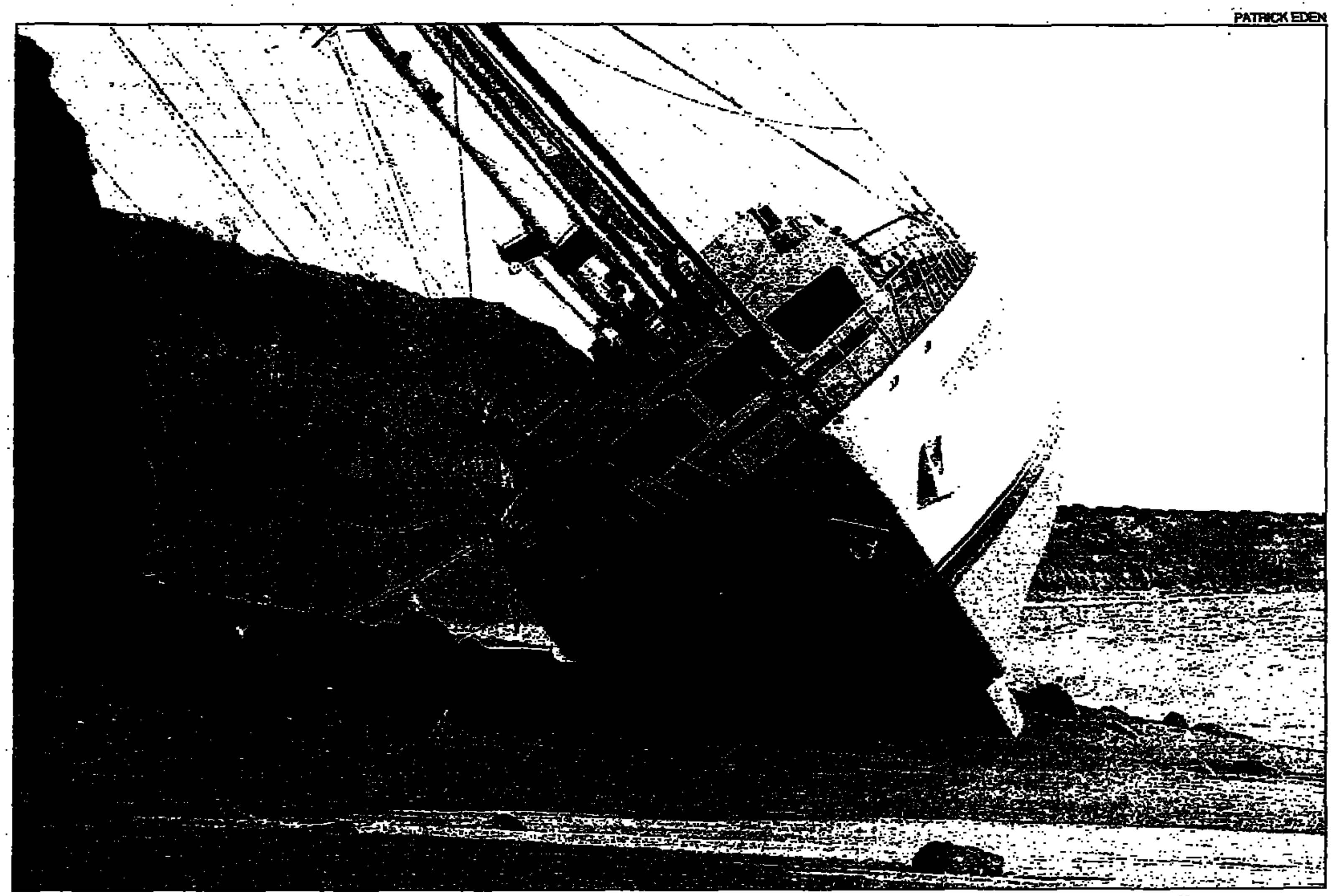

The yacht *Be Happy* beached on the Isle of Wight after the crew was rescued. A salvage expert was lowered 150ft from a cliff to check it

THE country was struggling to get back to normal yesterday after hurricane-force winds that killed five people and caused £150 million damage. The tail-end of Hurricane Lili, which had earlier battered the east coast of America, reached up to 90mph.

By yesterday morning the death toll from the bad weather had increased to five after a pensioner, William Foster Gunn, was struck by a lorry in torrential rain on the A69 near Newcastle upon Tyne.

A crewman on the Swanage lifeboat suffered a broken arm while helping to rescue five people from the 75ft yacht *Be Happy*. The yacht was sailing from Genoa to Portsmouth when it reported the loss of one engine while 22 miles off the Dorset coast. Two other lifeboatmen suffered bruising and their craft was damaged.

Be Happy was later washed ashore at the base of 150ft cliffs at Chale Bay on the southwest coast of the Isle of Wight. Members of the island's cliff rescue team and a salvage expert were lowered from the clifftop to see if the vessel could be refloated.

A 13-year-old boy suffered a suspected broken arm when caught in a sliding door on a P&O ferry from Cherbourg to Portsmouth. Angry passengers said they should not have sailed. Penny Guy, spokeswoman for P&O, said: "I am sure that being on board was not a pleasant experience but no one was put in any danger."

P&O was also criticised for running a Calais ferry. Sharon Foster, from south London, who was on a 33rd birthday trip, said that hours were spent waiting to enter Dover harbour with no information about what was happening. "We thought we were going to die and were considering trying our luck with the liferafts. One guy went through a pane of glass. When we went down to the vehicle deck it was carnage. Two coaches looked badly damaged."

Last night coastguards were trying to secure an oil platform that had been torn from its moorings in Portland harbour while undergoing maintenance work. A tug was brought from Falmouth but it was found that, after drifting, the American platform had settled on the seabed. An oil platform with 69 men on board went adrift in the North Sea after a tow-line severed in 40ft seas. But the line was reconnected 90 miles off Peterhead.

The seafront at Minehead, Somerset, was badly hit by the storms. About £2 million of damage was caused to 500 chalets at a holiday camp and the sea walls were pounded by boulders tossed up by the sea.

Much of the Kent coast was placed on flood alert yesterday and the Thames Barrier was raised. In the Blackwater estuary, Essex, four people were rescued from their cars by inshore lifeboat as the tide trapped them on the ancient causeway to Mersea Island.

The Association of British Insurers said that the storm damage would run into "tens of thousands of pounds, perhaps even as much as £150 million". The ABI said that the damage had been spread across a wide band of the country, from the West Country to East Anglia.

Loss adjusters said that tens of thousands of compensation claims were expected as a result of damaged roofs, fallen trees and water damage. The weather won some praise, however. Norwich Union said that Hurricane Lili would have caused as much havoc as the hurricane in October 1987 had the soil been waterloggged; because trees would have been ripped from the soft earth. The recent warm, dry conditions kept them anchored.

James Duffell, spokesman for Norwich Union, said that most trees had survived because they had already lost their leaves and therefore offered minimum resistance. "The combination of wet soil and leaves would have made the damage far more serious." There would not be a rise in buildings insurance premiums as a result of the storm, Mr Duffell said. In 1987 the damage totalled £1.4 billion.

The Second Severn Crossing passed its first real test, keeping open with speed restrictions despite 80mph winds sweeping the Bristol Channel. The first bridge, three miles away, was closed for six hours.

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Muslims 'killed student over an insult to Islam'

By A Staff Reporter

A STUDENT was cornered and killed after being surrounded by a group of Muslims who believed he had insulted Islam, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Nigerian-born Ayotunde "Tundi" Obanubi, 20, died at Newham College in east London after the group, armed with knives, machetes, and hammers, sought revenge.

David Waters, for the prosecution, said: "They were acting like a pack of hunting animals. Tundi tried to retreat but they pursued him, stalking and charging. As he retreated his attackers were lunging and slashing at him." A ceremonial-type knife was plunged into his heart.

Yusuf Sofu, 21, from Walthamstow, east London, denies murder, on the basis of joint enterprise and violent disorder, on February 27 last year. The group was led by Saeed Nur, 29, who was jailed for life earlier this year after being convicted of murder.

Mr Waters said that Newham College had predominantly Asian students, mostly Muslims, but there were also some African or Afro-Caribbeans. "For some time prior to February, tensions had been rising of a religious nature between those two groups. This tension was increased by the fact that during February Muslims were observing Ramadam. Tundi's death was very much the culmination of events."

He added that Nur had threatened some of the Africans and warned them that the Muslims would kill for each other. The week before he died Mr Obanubi was stabbed in the arm by an Asian in the student common room after a dispute over whose turn it was to play table tennis.

"The upshot was those events changed the character of the differences between the two factions, because sadly by that time two factions they had become. And the Muslims felt Tundi had insulted Islam in some way," Mr Waters said.

Susan Roscow, a college lecturer, said members of staff had rushed outside when a large crowd gathered there. Mr Obanubi was herded into a corner and all she could see was knives as a crowd of Asians surrounded him. "I saw the knife go in. I heard this terrible noise from the stabber, the killer," she said.

Frances Sander, the assistant faculty director at the college, said: "I saw people coming towards me and someone had a hammer raised up. I was trying to get in there to do something." Miss Sander said she then spotted Nur alongside the man with the hammer. The case continues.

Cynthia Bagchi, the Mayoress, left, objected to the outfit worn by Rosemary Verlander, right

Mayor's secretary gets dressing down

By Ian Murray

THE Mayoress was upset when she saw the outfit her husband's secretary was wearing to an official function. She felt that the tight black bodice and yellow silk jacket were "totally inappropriate" and told her never to wear that kind of outfit again.

The order shocked Rosemary Verlander, 35, secretary to successive Mayors of Bedford over the past four years, and she has asked her union, Unison, to intervene. "I was wearing what I considered a smart attractive outfit," she said yesterday. "I take a pride in the way I look and I certainly did not intend to titilate.

"I was hurt and upset and angry about what the Mayoress said. I am not a blonde leggy bimbo. I take my job very seriously and I take a lot of pride in what I wear.

"I've worn this outfit to the office and to the Bedford regatta in the past and never had any adverse comments. In my job, where I am dealing with dignitaries like MPs and councillors all the time, you have to look smart and professional and that is how I looked."

Cynthia Bagchi, whose husband, Apu Bagchi, is this year's Mayor, said: "I did have words with Miss Verlander at a recent function. I mentioned about some of the clothes she wore. On that occasion the items didn't seem entirely appropriate. I think she was a little upset by what I said."

Mrs Bagchi added that Miss Verlander wore some lovely outfits and said she did "a superb job" for the Mayor, who is continuing to keep her as his secretary.

A council spokesman said that it would be "quite inappropriate" to comment.

Finance chief's daughter denies cocaine plot

By Adrian Lee

THE daughter of a director of a leading finance house led a double life as a courier for an international drugs smuggling ring, a court was told yesterday.

Sara Louise Westwood, 23, whose father, Roger, is the managing director of Hogg Robinson Financial Services, was caught at Heathrow airport with part of a £400,000 shipment of cocaine, it was alleged. She was carrying the drug from the Caribbean to Europe when it was discovered in a metal briefcase as she walked through the nothing to declare channel, Isleworth Crown Court was told.

Miss Westwood, an unemployed single parent, denies being knowingly involved in the importation of 4.609 kilograms of cocaine in April. She was one of four defendants, the jury was told. Anthony Walker, 31, has admitted the charge and will be sentenced at the end of the trial.

David Richards, for the prosecution, said: "Westwood and Walker were the couriers. They brought the drugs into the country in similar suitcases, each of which contained part of the drugs."

The trail began in Trinidad, he said, where police searched rooms in the Holiday Inn in Port of Spain and discovered airline tickets to Frankfurt. Later undercover officers kept watch as Mr Walker and Miss Westwood separately checked in two similar suitcases for the flight to Germany. When the flight arrived at Frankfurt, dogs were allowed to roam around the luggage.

"The dogs detected two suitcases," said Marcus Franken, an investigative officer. "Those cases were taken and drilled, and a white powder detected as cocaine was found in the false bottoms." The drugs were left in the suitcases. The drilled holes were said to be too small for detection.

At Frankfurt airport baggage hall, Miss Westwood and Mr Walker kept apart. But when they reached the public concourse, they were observed to meet behind an information board, the court was told.

They then booked flights to London and walked through the departure gate five minutes apart, watched all the time by officials, it was alleged. Miss Westwood, of Sulham, Berkshire, told police that she had been on holiday in the West Indies and a friend had packed her suitcase.

Two men, Lanceford Wallace, 25, and Cedric Edwards, 34, both of Lewisham, south London, were said to be the "minders" for the smuggling ring. They also deny importing drugs.

The trial continues.

Coming back from the dead is no trivial pursuit

By Richard Duce

ALTHOUGH Daphne Banks was forced to accept her 15 minutes of fame as the woman who came back from the dead, she was furious last night that her plight has now been featured in the board game Trivial Pursuit. Mrs Banks made news when she was certified dead by her doctor after an overdose, but was saved by an undertaker, who noticed signs of life.

Her recovery now features as a question in the latest edition of the popular quiz game. But Mrs Banks, 61, is taking legal advice about what she believes to be an invasion of privacy by Hasbro, makers of the board game. Mrs Banks, a farmer's wife from Stonely, Cambridgeshire, said: "They have invaded my privacy. I am not at all pleased. They didn't ask me about this at all and I intend to take it further.

"I am not familiar with Trivial Pursuit and I have never played it. I heard there was a new edition of questions that includes one about me. I live in a small village. This game is going to be given to lots of people at Christmas."

Hasbro said yesterday that it had no intention of upsetting Mrs Banks. The objective of the game was to acknowledge recent news events "and it would be impossible to contact everyone concerned", it added.

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Police forces 'must do more' to catch burglars

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

THE Chief Inspector of Constabulary has told police to work harder to solve domestic burglaries after publishing figures showing that less than a quarter of break-ins are cleared up.

The report, produced by Trefor Morris but published by his successor, David O'Dowd, says there is "considerable room for improvement in the detection of volume crime and burglary".

The figures show wide variations across England and Wales in 1995-96 for burglary and violent crime. No force was found to be performing badly, but very few were considered to be doing well across every area of the five performance indicators.

The report said there had been an effective and sustained performance in answering 999 calls and reaching incidents. Forces were also reaching good levels of satisfaction with the public. Clear-up rates for violent crime were still largely high.

However, only 24 per cent of burglaries were solved despite the fact that many forces are now running campaigns targeting burglary suspects. Humberside Police detected 13 per cent of 17,000 cases and Northumbria also solved the same proportion of 25,000 cases. Lincolnshire detected 41 per cent of 5,148 burglaries.

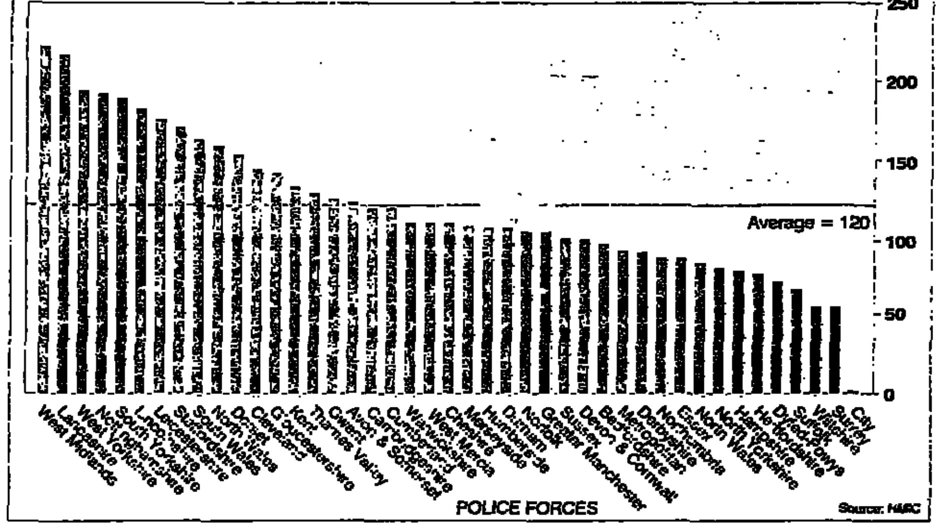
The number of cases solved per 100 officers averaged 120. West Midlands was at the top with 226 and Lancashire solved 221. Overall, 28 forces showed improvements on 1994-95, but Greater Manchester fell heavily to 104. This is linked to a strategy of targeting suspects and diverted officers to interviewing convicted prisoners for confessions on other cases.

The report showed that 65 per cent of violent crime was solved, but within the 43 forces the rate ranged from 44 per cent in the West Midlands with 47,000 cases to 96 per cent in Dyfed-Powys with 1,380 cases. On the basis of of cases solved per 100 officers, the national average was 184. Nottingham and Staffordshire did best with 359 and 300 down to Lancashire, Hertfordshire and West Midlands at the bottom with 117, 120 and 109 respectively.

Nottinghamshire did well in a number of areas. Avon and Somerset and Staffordshire also scored quite highly. Mr O'Dowd said comparison of the figures was complex and while the performance indicators highlighted differences, they did not provide answers.

The report also warned about continued problems of bullying, racism and sexism among police. A survey published by the inspectorate earlier this year found that cases of oppressive bullying were rising, sexual and racist banter had become more covert but was still being used, and senior police managers were still not taking action.

The report shows the number of women officers in England and Wales has risen to a record 14.5 per cent. Recruits from ethnic backgrounds have also reached a record 1.81 per cent. Mr O'Dowd said strong leadership was needed to deal with discrimination and harassment. Progress had been made on equal opportunities but this was not enough.



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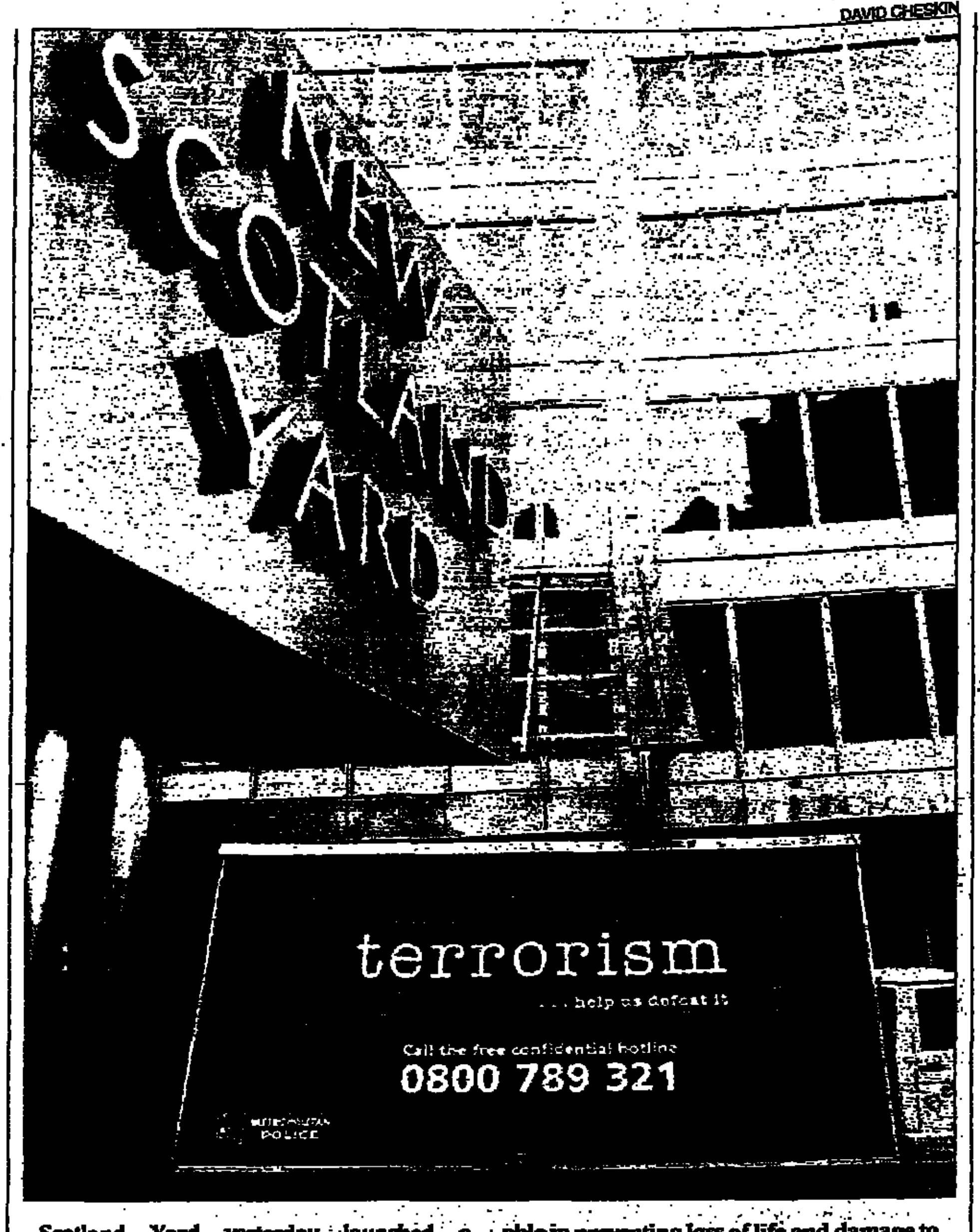

DAVID CHESKIN

Scotland Yard yesterday launched a £150,000 poster campaign to encourage vigilance against a possible IRA Christmas bombing campaign in London. Senior officers said an escalation of bombing in the run-up to Christmas and next year's general election was likely. Public help was invaluable in preventing loss of life and damage to property. David Veness, the Metropolitan Police's Assistant Commissioner, specialist operations, said: "If, by raising public awareness and reminding people to remain alert, this campaign saves just one life, it will be worth every penny."

Demoted terrorist killed in ambush

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

A LOYALIST terrorist who was "demoted" by the Ulster Volunteer Force last week was shot dead yesterday.

Tommy Stewart, 32, was killed by masked attackers in the Ballysillan area of north Belfast shortly before 2am. A friend escaped without injury. A man and a woman were arrested after the shooting.

The UVF, which disciplined Stewart after he allegedly failed to hand over thousands of pounds from a Post Office robbery, hinted that the killing was carried out by non-terrorist criminals with a grudge. David Ervine, the main spokesman of the Progressive Unionist Party — the UVF's political wing — said the UVF had "absolutely nothing to do with the murder".

Security sources said they were keeping an open mind on the shooting. One said: "It is a murky picture between criminal elements fighting among themselves and renegade UVF members."

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, condemned yesterday's murder. He said: "Any murder by anybody of anybody has got to be unreservedly condemned. Without qualification, I extend my sympathy to those who have been bereaved."

Also on Monday night, three men were shot in the legs in a suspected loyalist "kneecapping" punishment. The men, who are in their 20s, were ordered at gunpoint to queue up for the shooting in north Belfast.

☐ John Major has agreed to hold talks on Northern Ireland on November 19 with the leaders of the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party — which both have links with paramilitary organisations — so long as the loyalist ceasefire holds, it was announced yesterday. They had called for talks this month on the principle of consent, whereby proposals for the future would be put to a popular majority vote.

High Court frees BCCI fraudster wanted for trial in America

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

A LEADING figure in the BCCI fraud was ordered to be released from jail yesterday after judges criticised the Home Office over delays in his extradition to the United States.

Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, the former treasurer of the Bank of Credit and Commercial International, has spent 14 months in custody awaiting extradition to face charges of alleged blackmail. The extradition has been delayed by disagreements over paperwork between Britain and authorities in France, from where he was originally extradited. Yesterday two High Court judges ruled that enough was enough.

Akbar, 52, who has already served jail terms for false accounting and conspiracy to launder drug money, will walk free from Brixton jail today unless the United States authorities issue another warrant for his extradition.

Yesterday's ruling was another setback for Michael Howard at the hands of the judiciary. Lord Justice Rose said in the High Court: "During the last two months the Home Secretary has shown a personal interest in this case. Had he done so 12 months ago matters might have been different." He added: "The time has come to say enough is enough. He is discharged from custody forthwith."

Lord Justice Rose said he was "wholly unpersuaded" that the Home Office had shown sufficient cause why Akbar should not be set free under rules governing the length of time a person can be held pending extradition. "Once he was arrested in September 1995 it was incumbent upon the Home Office to take sufficient steps to extradite him." For half of that time the Home Office did nothing and, although the judge said he recognised the seriousness of the allegations of blackmail Akbar faced in America, this was all the more reason to get on with the case.

Akbar, of Golders Green, north London, who earned £200,000 a year as head of BCCI's treasury division, has served an 18-month sentence for conspiring to launder drug money and three years of a six-year sentence for false accounting. He fled to France after being released from jail on parole in 1991 during his sentence for drug trafficking. He was arrested in Calais and extradited to Britain on charges of false accounting.

The United States dropped extradition proceedings in connection with laundering the proceeds of cocaine dealing in Florida. But American authorities began new extradition proceedings alleging that he accepted a $15 million bribe from BCCI for not disclosing details of corruption to a senator.

He was taken into custody after the Home Secretary agreed that the extradition could proceed, but the French legal authorities blocked the move. They said they had only agreed to the original extradition on false accounting and should be involved in any further attempt by the United States to re-extradite Akbar on other allegations.

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Legislation needed to end widespread breaches that threaten justice, says Lord Chancellor

Mackay plans law to stop media paying witnesses

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to outlaw the "widespread mischief" of payments to trial witnesses by newspapers were unveiled by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, yesterday.

The Government is proposing a new offence to prohibit payment or offers of payment to anyone likely to be a witness in a trial which is pending or imminent. The proposals, on which comments are invited, have been drawn up in the wake of what the Government believes were "widespread and flagrant breaches" of the newspaper code of practice which rules out payments of this type.

In the recent Rosemary West trial, 19 witnesses are believed to have accepted money from, or signed contracts with, the media. Payments such as these, Lord Mackay said yesterday, constituted "a real risk to the administration of justice" and steps were needed to "prevent the practice from becoming more widespread".

He said: "We do not believe that the law in this area is clear, or that the matter can be left to media self-regulation alone." There needed to be consultation before moving forward, he said, but added: "I believe that Parliament needs to regulate in statute."

His consultation paper proposes that payment to witnesses should become an offence under the Contempt of Court Act 1981, or that it should become a new criminal offence.

The chief danger of paying witnesses which the paper highlights was that they might omit something from their evidence in order to leave something exclusive for a story in the media, or might exaggerate evidence to make their stories more newsworthy. Witnesses might also "become so committed to their particular accounts that they may be unwilling objectively to examine points put to them in court."

Even where witnesses were not swayed by contracts with the media, it is likely, the paper says, that cross-examination would raise their existence, suggesting their evidence might be flawed and sowing doubts in juries' minds.

The Government says new laws must cover payments in kind, such as expensive holidays, and payments through an intermediary. They would also cover foreign media if the offer were made in this jurisdiction, even if the story were published abroad. It recommends that, to be effective, the new law should not be limited to cases where it can be proved there is actual prejudice.

The Government says there need be only a risk of prejudice for an offence to be committed. The new offence would bite when proceedings were "imminent or pending", as under the contempt laws, so as not to prevent "legitimate investigative journalism", the paper says.

A ban on all interviews would be an "unacceptable restriction," it says. "It is the offering, requesting or making of payments which is the basis of the mischief which needs to be targeted." Where journalists had good reason not to know an individual was likely to be a witnesses, there would be no offence. Comments are invited by December 31, including on whether the ban should cease after the trial or carry on for several months after any possible appeal.

The proposals come after a review set up by the Lord Chancellor and the Attorney General in the wake of the Rosemary West trial. They are based on the law of England and Wales but, the paper says, the position in Scotland may also need a review.

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Janet Stewart: she said she tried to complain

Sole black officer at jail tells of race hate

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PRISON'S only black officer suffered a hate campaign after she fell out with a powerful warder who was a friend of the governor, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Janet Stewart, 33, who alleges race discrimination, was called a "black bastard", moved to more tedious guard duties and woken at home by the sound of a racist singing outside, it was claimed.

The tribunal at Croydon, south London, was told that her tormentors wanted to drive her out of her £20,000 job at HMP Latchmere House rehabilitation centre, Surrey, because they saw her as a "danger to the establishment".

Ms Stewart, who has two children, joined in 1992. Her problems were said to have begun in June the following year when she suffered racist abuse from Graham Vaughan, 53, now retired, a former executive committee member of the Prison Officers' Association and friend of Sean O'Neill, 56, who was then the governor.

Ms Stewart's representative, Harjit Grewal, said: "Mr Vaughan had a drink problem. It is alleged he was drunk on June 9 and that he used racist language."

After the incident Mr Vaughan was said to have asked the head of personnel if "that black bastard" had made a complaint against him. Mrs Stewart said she tried to tell the governor of the harassment: "For a long time he didn't speak to me, but when he did he would continually try to throw me off the track by telling me what nice eyes I had or how nicely dressed I was."

The hearing continues.

Palace meeting solves Prince's garden problem

BY A STAFF REPORTER

GARDENING inevitably came up when Rosemary Verey was invested by the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace yesterday. In particular, how to keep water in a fountain clear.

Television viewers earlier this month saw the Prince and his gardening adviser discussing difficulties at Highgrove, Gloucestershire, on BBC2's *The English Country Garden*. As they chatted informally, walking in the rain while the Prince held a large umbrella, he pointed to a fountain he had designed and talked of his disappointment at the "utterly revolting" murky water. "I have tried everything and it is rather sad because otherwise it was going to look rather nice," he said.

Yesterday, in front of hundreds of other honours recipients and their families in the formal splendour of Buckingham Palace's great ballroom, 77-year-old Mrs Verey was able to tell him that his problem might soon be over. She said shortly after the ceremony: "I told him that, as a result of our programme, I have had a letter from a man who is an expert on keeping pools clear.

"The man said he had been doing it for 20 years. The Prince said it was good news and asked me to put the man in touch with him." Mrs Verey, who was appointed OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours "for services to garden design and history", has been advising the Prince for eight years.

Despite the grand design of the Buckingham Palace grounds, Mrs Verey said she still preferred the much smaller Highgrove. "Every corner of the Prince's garden has something changing, something happening," she said. "Every time he goes away, he comes back with something new for the garden. I just love going there."

Jonathan Edwards, denied the triple jump gold at the Atlanta Olympics in a rare lapse from a long run of successes, was wished good luck for his future by the Prince when he received the MBE insignia for services to athletics. Edwards, 30, who won silver at Atlanta when he managed just 17.88 metres instead of the 18 metres-plus he was aiming for, said the Prince made him feel even more positive about his future chances — perhaps in the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

"The Prince said it was very unfortunate that I didn't get the gold and said there was obviously so much pressure at the time," he said later. "He took a great deal of interest and obviously understood how I felt at Atlanta. I was in tears at one stage, but you just have to pick yourself up."

Edwards, of Newcastle upon Tyne, was at the Palace with his wife, Alison, his mother, Jill, and his father, the Rev Andrew Edwards, vicar of Canford Magna, near Bournemouth. Others invested yesterday included Lieutenant-General Sir Rupert Smith, General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland and former UN commander in Bosnia (bar to DSO), Monty Fresco, 77, *Daily Mail* photographer (MBE), and Tom Shebbeare, executive director of the Prince's Trusts (Commander of the Royal Victorian Order).

SIMON WALKER

Jonathan Edwards, who won the triple jump silver at Atlanta, and his wife Alison, with his MBE insignia

Store fined over safety guard that killed baby

BY A STAFF REPORTER

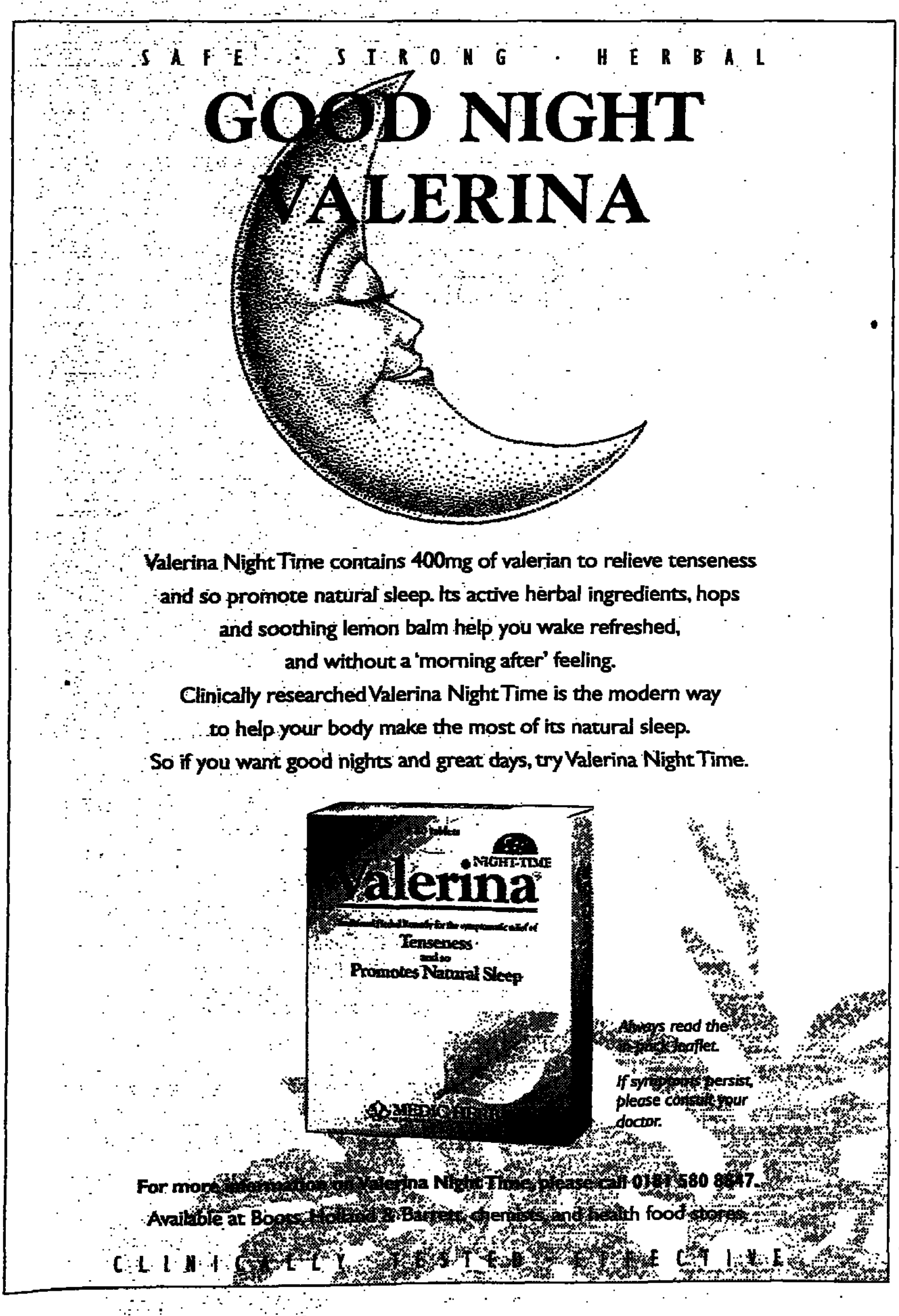
THE chain store Argos was found guilty yesterday of selling a child bedguard that killed a baby boy.

The firm ignored danger warnings from two mothers before Matthew I'Anson, aged 10 months, was found strangled at home in Hartlepool, with his head between the bars and his feet dangling off the floor. The £9.99 guard was designed to stop toddlers falling out of bed, but magistrates at Teesside were told that the gaps between the bars were too wide and the product had no minimum age warning.

Suzanne Fagan, from Northwich, Cheshire, had complained to Argos in May last year after her three-year-old son's head became trapped in the bars. Another mother, Rosemary Chesters, from Workington, Cumbria, pointed out the hazard 11 months before the hanging.

The bedguard makers, Aronstead, of Wakefield, Yorkshire — which have since ceased trading — had reduced the spacing from 10cms to 7.5cms, but some of the old models remained on sale. Argos ultimately spent £250,000 on notices withdrawing them. Out of 74,000 sold, 10,000 were returned.

The store was found guilty of two safety standards offences and was fined £3,000 with £8,502 costs.



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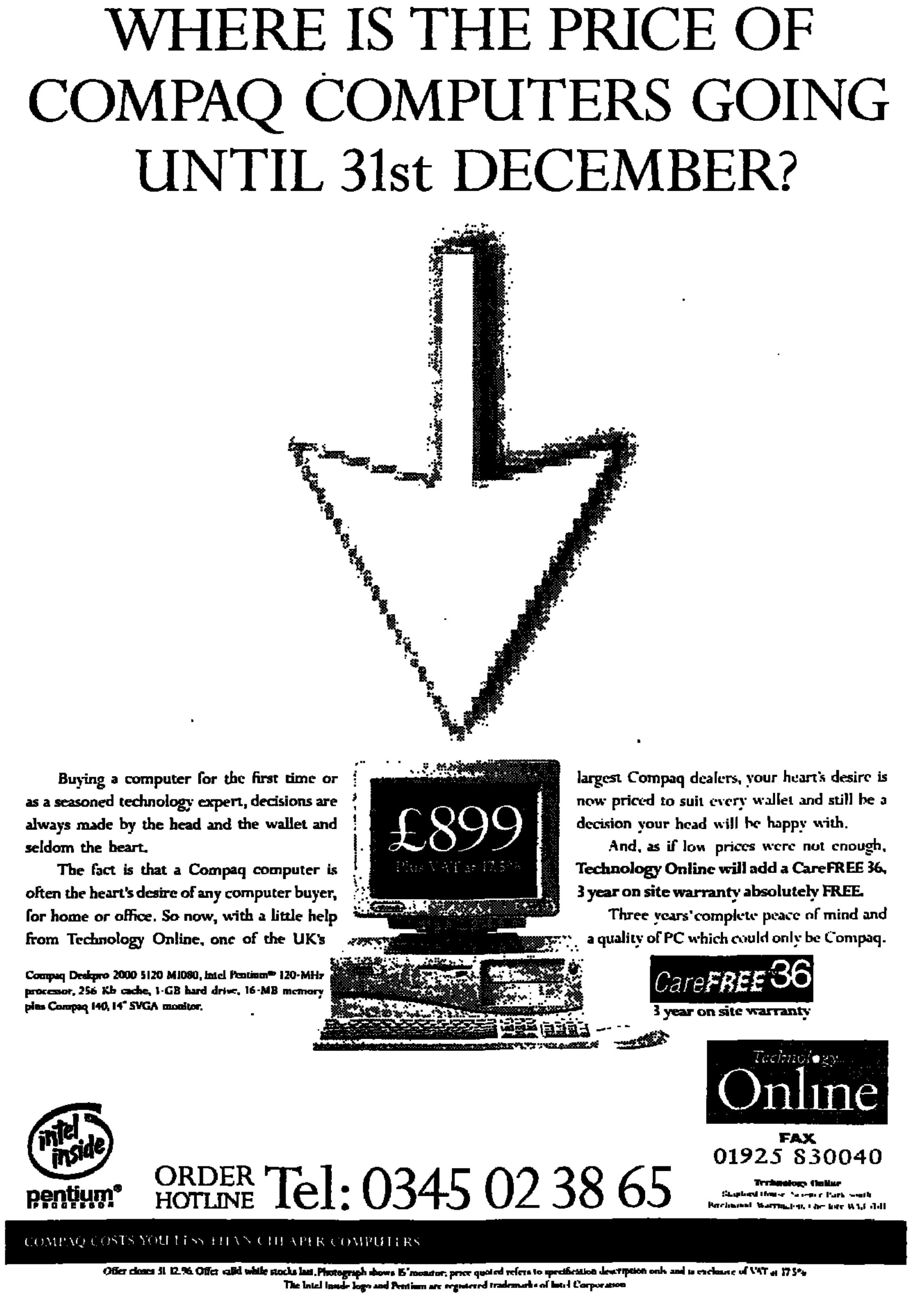

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Queen watches from riverside pavilion as royal barges put on spectacular display

Echoes of Cleopatra as Thais push the boat out

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN BANGKOK

TIM ROOKE

Ratings wear traditional dress in the 600-year-old ceremony. The oarsmen's "ethereal chant" actually comes from battery-powered amplifiers

YOU would not mistake the King of Thailand's royal flotilla for the Oxford and Cambridge boat race, but you might reasonably expect Cleopatra to glide by at any moment. There are 52 barges, rowed by more than 2,000 ratings of the Royal Thai Navy in a traditional costume that looks as if it might have been ceremonial dress at the court of Genghis Khan.

The barge procession down the Chao Phraya river past the golden temples of Bangkok, to be held next week, is one of the highlights of King Bhumibol Adulyadej's golden jubilee. The Queen, on the second day of her state visit to Thailand, watched its dress rehearsal from a riverside pavilion.

The grandest vessels are entirely gold, matching anything that Mark Antony saw on the Nile, with the exception of Shakespeare's purple perfumed sails and "pretty-dimpled boys" with fans. Other vessels are brilliant red and all are decorated with the astonishing intricacy of Buddhist art. According to 600-year-old custom, they row at a snail's pace, accompanied by an ethereal chant from the oarsmen that, on first hearing, sounds faintly like *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* from some distant Twickenham. Never mind that nowadays the singing comes from battery-powered on-board amplifiers; this is the electronics-obsessed Far East.

The Queen enjoyed the spectacle, but not the climate. Yesterday Bangkok wilted at 35C (95F) and 80 per cent humidity, causing the Queen to undertake four changes of clothing during the day.

She began in blue and white printed jersey with matching straw hat, switched to tangerine chiffon with another straw hat for lunch and back to blue and white for the afternoon, but without the hat. In the evening, to watch a *son et lumière* show at a temple complex 50 miles from Bangkok, she changed yet again into evening dress.

The Duke of Edinburgh matched the quick change routine in the morning, visiting a naval academy. He wore the short-sleeved whites of an Admiral of the Fleet, looking ever more like his late uncle, Earl Mountbatten of Burma. For lunch he was back to a dark suit, for the afternoon another slightly less dark suit, and for the evening black tie.

During a visit to the British Council offices in Bangkok, the Queen staged an impromptu walkabout among the large crowd outside, to the alarm of Thai officials unused to such informality. Accompanied by Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, one of the King's three daughters, the Queen greeted the crowd, which had been well supplied in advance with paper Union flags, and created much delight simply by smiling and saying "Hello".

At lunch at the Bank of Thailand, the Queen was again spared the hotter excesses of Thai cuisine. She ate foaming mountain cress soup, supreme of corn-fed duck with a beetroot and apple *confit* and celery snow, finishing with water chestnut jewels and sugar-cane ice-cream with tropical fruits, accompanied by an Australian chardonnay.

Later, at Bangkok airport, the Queen celebrated a notable British export success. Rolls-Royce has sold 20 of its new Trent 800 engines to Thai International Airways, and now has an order book worth £3.5 billion from southeast Asia.

There was less encouraging news for the 20 Britons held in Thai jails after being convicted of drugs-related offences, who had hoped for a further amnesty in addition to the cuts in sentences granted by King Bhumibol to mark his jubilee. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, who is accompanying the Queen, had talks with his Thai opposite number yesterday but gave no indication that further concessions were on their way. He said that no individual cases had been discussed, despite speculation that one, Sandra Gregory, might be given an early transfer to a British prison.

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Rector, 90, retires with blast at lax morals

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Church of England's oldest serving rector announced his retirement yesterday, the day after celebrating his ninetieth birthday.

The Rev Douglas White, Rector of Mudford, near Yeovil, in Somerset, is retiring after 63 years in the Anglican ministry and after 46 years at Mudford.

During his time as parson at the village church he has christened, married and buried up to three generations of different families. As recently as the Sunday before last, his church was packed for five simultaneous christenings.

But of most concern to Mr White, who married at 64 to Yolanda, a headmaster's daughter who is 39 years his junior, was the decline in morality he had witnessed in the Church and society. He said yesterday: "I won't stop spreading the Christian word. I agree with the latest moral crusade and will be supporting it all the way." Unusually, he ensures that the Ten Commandments are read regularly in full services.

Mr White, who has two children, Joy, 25, and Zoe, 22, said: "There is a greater laxity of moral guidance in the Church ... There is an acceptance of large moral defects, which saddens me."

Singing monks tipped for top of Christmas chart

BY AUDREY MAGEE AND ROBIN YOUNG

THERE could be an unfamiliarly religious note to the pop charts this Christmas. Monks have shot to No 1 in the Irish album chart, displacing the likes of REM and Simply Red. In Britain, monks and boys from a leading Roman Catholic school have entered the classical chart with a recording of 1,000-year-old Gregorian chants.

Faith of Our Fathers, the Irish disc, went on sale ten days ago and reached No 1 within a week. The idea came to John Kearns, 36, an insurance executive, while at Mass in Dublin in February. An elderly priest led the congregation in traditional hymns and the tunes continued to run though Mr Kearns's mind the next day.

"I reckoned none of these classic religious anthems of Ireland had been put on record and most people would never have heard them with an orchestra," Mr Kearns said. "I knew the album could work."

He set to work with Bernard Bennett, a colleague. Record companies laughed at the idea, but they raised £90,000 and organised a cast of about 200 people, including monks from Glenstal Abbey, the tenor Frank Patterson and the soprano Regina Nathan, the RTE Youth Choir and the Irish Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir. The 20 tracks were recorded in two and a half days at Maynooth College.

In the first week 35,000 albums were sold and up to 200,000 are expected to be sold by Christmas. Negotiations are under way for British sales. Concerts are to be held next year.

The Benedictine brothers of Downside Abbey, near Bath, are hoping to emulate the Irish success. Their album, *The Abbey*, entered the classical chart and also reached No 54 in the pop listing after one week on sale.

With the backing of a £150,000 promotional campaign by the record company, Virgin, the monks and their pupils could be in the top ten by Christmas. Father Dunstan O'Keeffe, the monks' choir master, said: "It is a much slower and more meditative style of music, which people do not usually get in the world around them. I hope that it touches the soul."

Two years ago six million copies were sold worldwide of an album of Gregorian chants by Spanish monks. The royalties from the Downside album will provide scholarships and new musical instruments.

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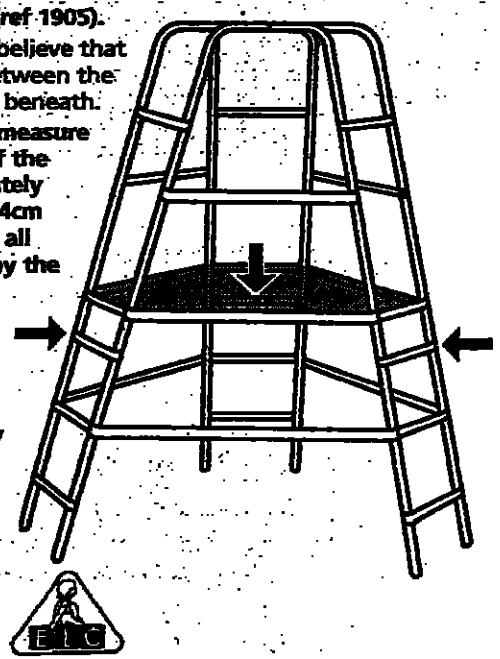

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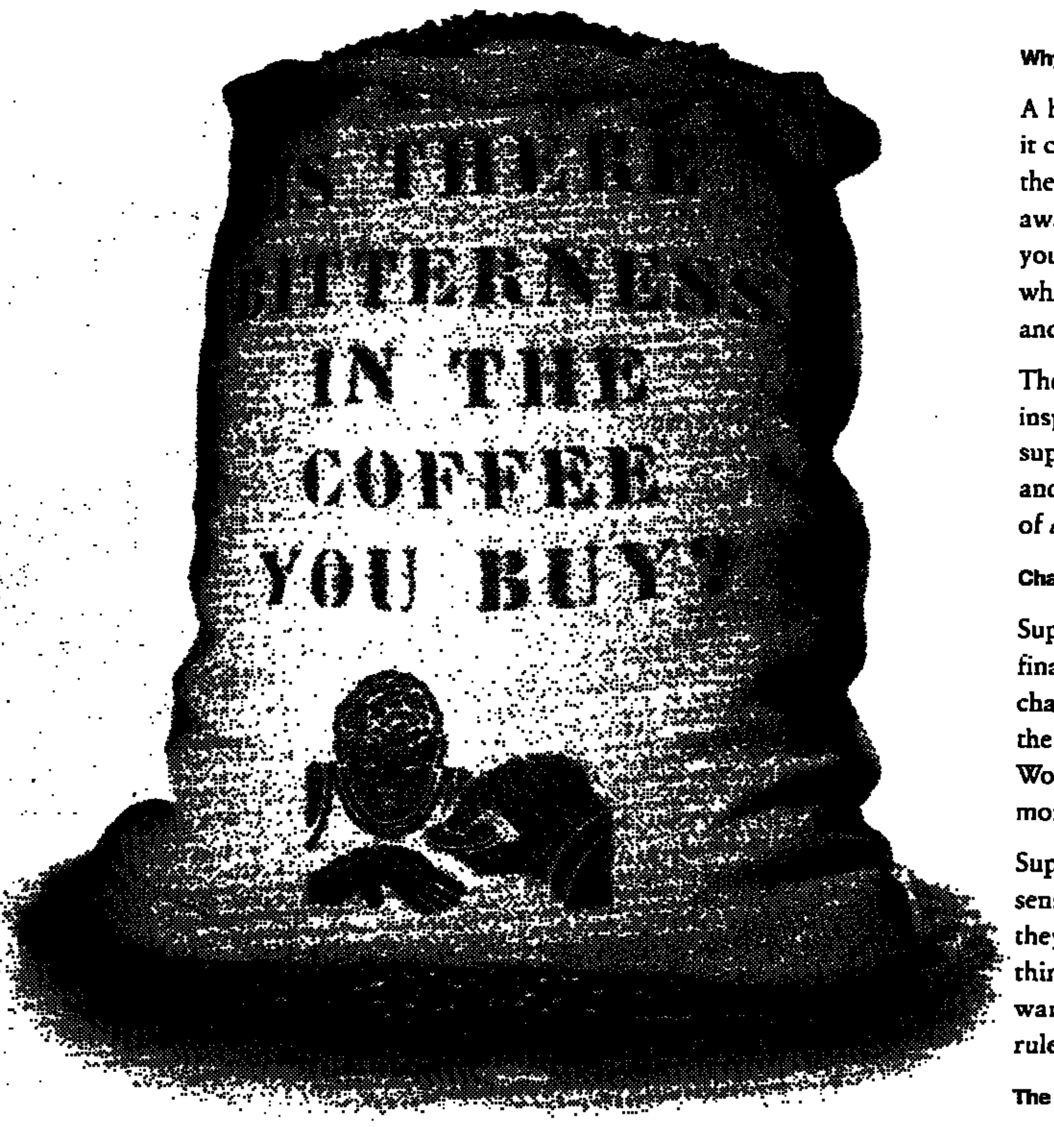

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Poll nerves force delay on bypass decision

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

A DECISION on the controversial Salisbury bypass has been delayed by the Government in an attempt to avoid a damaging dispute with environmentalists before the general election.

The Secretaries of State for Transport and the Environment announced yesterday a minimum of a further three months' discussion on the proposed routes to consider damage to nature and wildlife sites. Construction of the road looks increasingly unlikely.

The 11 miles of dual carriageway, which would cut through sites of special scientific interest, was originally part of a scheme linking Southampton and Bristol. Other parts of that route have already been dropped.

Whitehall sources suggested that John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, and Sir George Young, his Transport counterpart, were reluctant to support the road but did not want to risk new controversy shortly before the election. Also the ministers did not wish to embarrass Robert Key, the local Tory MP and a former Roads Minister, who supports the scheme.

The Government's announcement may have been influenced by a new report that says the economic benefit of the scheme would not be as great as previously thought.

The delay has angered supporters and opponents of the bypass, first proposed in the 1980s. The district council has backed the scheme in the belief that it will relieve serious congestion in the cathedral city. John Haywood, leader of the Liberal Democrat-controlled council, said: "We wanted a decision, even if that decision was goodbye."

Simon Festing, of Friends of the Earth, said that the Government should have demonstrated its environmental credentials by cancelling the scheme. "The Government seems to be fudging the issue until after a general election," Mr Festing said. "This leaves the bypass with no justification as it will not solve the traffic problems of Salisbury."

Friends of the Earth is in discussions with the newly privatised rail freight companies to see how much freight could be carried on a nearby line instead of on the congested A36.

The report on the economic benefits of the bypass was written by consulting engineers on behalf of the Highways Agency after the public inquiry into the scheme. It says that the route would not be loss-making, but that the economic benefits up to 2011 would be £107 million compared with a previous estimate of £135 million.

Sir George Young said yesterday that inspector's report from the public inquiry had shown "a strong case for a bypass of Salisbury", but there had been significant developments since the inquiry ended in April 1994. These included the decision to declare part of East Harnham Meadows, an area to the south of the city, a site of special scientific interest.

Mr Gummer said: "We are concerned both about the environment of the people of Salisbury and the need to minimise the environmental impact of the proposed bypass. Before we come to a final decision, we need to satisfy ourselves that the level of impact on the local environment is acceptable."

Mr Key said: "This will ensure that there can be no question of a wrong decision being made."

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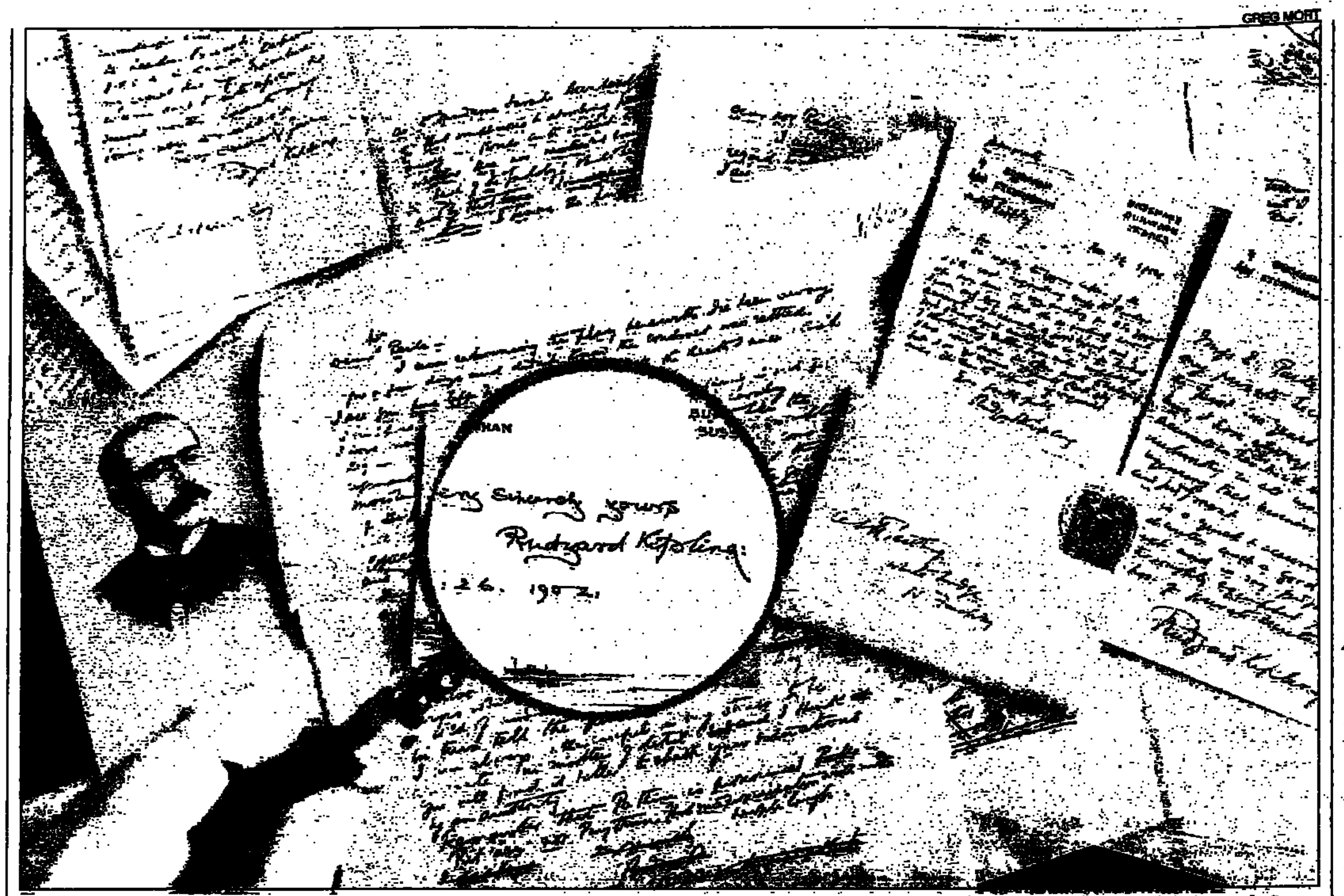

A selection of the papers, which were taken by Kipling's private secretary. She complained that he had treated her "like a common typist"

Kipling letters found in saleroom chest

By Dalya Alberge
Arts correspondent

A COLLECTION of Rudyard Kipling's papers has been discovered in two brown paper bags within a chest of drawers consigned to a furniture sale at a Chichester auction house.

The material was taken by a disgruntled employee, Miss K.E. Parker, Kipling's private secretary from 1902 until 1904. Mr and Mrs Kipling, she grumbled in a four-page memo, "treat me like a common typist and yet expect work of as good quality as if they treated me at least with civility and paid me well".

The collection includes a heavily corrected typescript of his fantasy story, *With the Night Mail*, and letters to Kipling which he annotated with his replies. In one, he was offered a Lancaster car if he would "immortalise" the donor in a story. Kipling declined, explaining that he had only just become used to his present car. The reply he scribbled on the letter for the secretary to type reads: "Acknowledged with thanks, Mr Kipling has, after some time, more or less mastered the intricacies of one type of car and does not feel equal to taking on another. He has no doubt that the 6HP Lancaster has interesting and unusual traits of its own, but he has passed that period in his life when necessities in a car interest him. He prefers cars that go on in a perfectly uneventful manner."

In another letter, Kipling notes the unsuitability of Sarah Bernhardt to star in a dramatised version of one of his stories: "Imagine that imperious ... person turned loose, so to speak, on a story of mine."

A hint of the tension between Kipling and Miss Parker emerges in a reference he wrote for her in 1904. Although he described her as entirely honest and a good typist, he noted: "She is in the habit of elaborating letters from notes supplied."

Elizabeth Inglis, assistant librarian in charge of the Kipling papers at the University of Sussex said the collection was extremely interesting and would make a welcome addition to the university's Kipling correspondence, which it holds on behalf of the National Trust.

She said that Mrs Kipling, rather than her husband, was known to have been difficult: "She kept everyone at arm's length from Kipling. She looked after his time and privacy very jealousy. I don't think he had a reputation for being particularly crusty."

The collection, which is estimated to fetch around £5,000, will be offered on November 5 at Stride, Chichester, West Sussex.

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Gallery fails in bid for Freud

A GALLERY that was refused National Lottery assistance to buy a Lucian Freud painting has failed to raise the asking price. The work is now likely to go to America (Dalya Alberge writes).

Lucian Freud completed *Portrait on a Grey Cover* a few months ago. Abbot Hall Art Gallery in Kendal, Cumbria, which drew 26,000 people to a Freud exhibition, had hoped to buy it for £780,000 but could raise only £250,000. A lottery donation was not forthcoming because the picture was a contemporary work.

The Heritage Lottery Fund said that works of art had to be more than 20 years old to qualify for a donation. The Arts Council said that the painting did not qualify because it was not a commission and it does not help with the purchase of works for permanent collections.

Edward King, Abbot Hall's director, said that galleries would be denied important contemporary works unless the rules were changed.

Police move against off-licences

Northumbria Police began legal action yesterday to strip five off-licences in Wallsend and North Shields of their alcohol licences. The move is the result of Operation Andy Capp, a six-month investigation into an outbreak of disorder among young people in the area of Tyneside served by the shops. Police believe that much of the trouble stemmed from under-age drinking. The applications will be heard within two months.

Piano memorial

Money from a memorial fund for Caroline Dickinson, 13, who was murdered in France, will pay for a piano at Launceston College, where she was a pupil. It will also sponsor a poetry competition and a bed of daffodils at the college.

Change of heart

A surgeon who was barred from admitting patients after a sex change has had the ban overturned. Sarah, formerly William, Muirhead-Allwood, 49, is an orthopaedic surgeon at the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London.

Death on road

Alick James Albutt, 59, of Coventry, died when he was dragged along the road for more than two miles after being hit by a vehicle or falling as he left a pub, police believe. A van driver has been released on police bail.

Vandal attack

A war memorial in Chapeltown Park, Sheffield, is to be demolished after attacks by vandals left it beyond repair. The demolition has been approved after talks with the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

Harrods relents

Harrods has dropped a £1 charge to use its lavatories for customers who spend £100 or more. A spokesman said that customers' grievances were well founded, but it was not up to the store to act as a public convenience.

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Drug test reveals pain gap between men and women

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

PAIN brings out the differences between the sexes but, contrary to popular myth, women are not really any more stoic than men. The latest evidence comes from experiments by an American team which show that the sexes respond very differently to opiate painkillers.

Though relatively ineffective at controlling pain in men, these drugs proved much more successful for women. The results back the belief that the sexes perceive pain in a different way, and suggest that painkillers which are relatively little used because they were originally tested on men may be well worth prescribing for women.

Writing in *Nature Medicine*, Dr Karen Berkley, of Florida State University, says that about half of all trials comparing pain perception show that women have a lower threshold and lower tolerance than men. Others failed to find any difference.

"Females often appear to have lower thresholds, greater ability to discriminate, higher pain ratings and less tolerance," she says. "Women generally report pains in more body regions than men and are more likely to report recurrent or chronic pains that are also more severe and of longer duration."

New experiments, also reported in *Nature Medicine* by a team led by Dr Jon Levine, from the University of California at San Francisco, show that young men and women respond differently to opiate painkillers after operations to remove wisdom teeth. Nalbuphine and butorphanol were administered by intravenous injection as soon as the anaesthetic from the operation wore off. The amount of pain felt was monitored, showing that the two painkillers worked well for the women, but had only a brief effect for the men.

One possibility is that the male hormone testosterone interacts with this class of opioids, reducing their effect, or that female hormones such as progesterone or oestrogen increase the drug's power. Another explanation is that the drugs linger longer in womens' bodies or are metabolised differently, but the duration of the side-effects reported by both sexes argues against this.

Dr Berkley, who comments on the findings in the same issue of the journal, says that the results illustrate the problems that arise from basing so many drug trials upon men. Studies on rats have shown that sex hormones have complex and potent influences on the effects of opiate painkillers, she says. "We know that men and women differ in certain fundamental ways, so it isn't surprising that they may differ in this way, too. Time of day, the stage of the menstrual cycle and other things are very important."

☐ Researchers at the William Harvey Research Institute in London say they have identified a natural mechanism, the protein lipocortin-1, which can halt the destruction of bone and cartilage caused by rheumatoid arthritis. They believe it may be possible to develop drugs which mimic the effect.

Rocio Nieto Rubio with her daughter and assistant, Rocio Mora Nieto

Spanish vice girls' saviour wins Lady Godiva prize

By Ian Murray

A SPANISH social worker who has dedicated her life to helping prostitutes was chosen in preference to a Nobel Peace Prize winner yesterday to receive a new international award created by a British city.

Rocio Nieto Rubio will receive no prize money, but says the Godiva International Award is of great value to her work. "Charities for Aids, the elderly, disabled children and other good causes are all well established and the public support them," she said. "This award is international recognition at last of the problems facing prostitutes and the work needed to help them."

The award was initiated by Coventry council to mark the 100th anniversary of automobile construction in the city. It will be granted annually to a woman whose courage recalls that of Lady Godiva, said to have ridden naked through the streets to force her husband to rescind penal taxes. Embassies in London were asked to nominate women who might qualify.

Señora Rubio was chosen from among 33 worldwide nominees. Those on the shortlist included Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader and Nobel winner, and Heather Mills, the British model who lost a leg in a road accident and now trains others to use artificial limbs.

The Spanish Government nominated Señora Rubio for her work among the poorest prostitutes in Madrid and Alicante. She began her efforts in the slums of the capital 28 years ago.

"I found there was nobody caring for these people dumped in the middle of cities," she said yesterday. "They need help finding homes for their children. They have no education and cannot cope with bureaucracy. They are exploited by pimps and need help to get out of the drugs habit."

In 1989 she set up an association for the rehabilitation of prostitutes, which is backed by the Government. Since then it has rehabilitated 1,200 women and helped a further 3,400.

She is often threatened by pimps but finds that the best form of defence is to stand up to them. "At heart these people are just cowards."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Myth that began with childbirth

IT HAS long been known that women respond to alcohol faster than men, in smaller doses and that the effect lasts longer. It might be supposed that painkilling analgesics would behave in a similar fashion.

One of the striking features of today's prescribing habits is that fear of inducing addiction leads to painkillers being given in doses too small to be effective. Of the drugs in the Californian survey, Nalbuphine is usually administered by injection to control mild to moderate pain, often after an anaesthetic. Butorphanol is more akin to morphia, has a similar depressant effect on respiration and can, if prescribed for a very long while, lead to addiction.

The myth that women suffer pain much better than men has probably grown up because of their willingness to start another pregnancy despite the ghastliness of some deliveries. Women's stoicism in the face of appalling, long-term adversity had reinforced the belief that they were, by nature, also able to tolerate acute pain without complaining. No one can forget that they suffer chronic illness well, and are prepared to forget the pain of childbirth, which can now, mercifully, be removed in most cases, by ambulatory epidural anaesthesia.

Experience in general practice shows that women certainly feel acute pain every bit as much as men, and that they are not always reluctant to let the doctor and midwife know if the delivery is not as easy as they had hoped. The experience of the Californian doctors that painkillers are more efficient in women is also an everyday observation of family doctors, but it is nice to have it analysed and scientifically proven.

The admission of feeling pain is partly cultural. In societies where children have been told to "jump up, grin and bear it" after minor accidents, adults feel that to admit pain is showing weakness. Never have I seen such tolerance of pain as was displayed by agricultural male workers at my Norfolk practice. They seemed to consider that resorting to local anaesthesia for a minor operation was a reflection on their character, as well as being a waste of time. "Just get your bloody knife out, doctor, and be done with it," was their approach.

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School discipline: Backbench Tories demand a return to 'moderate corporal punishment'

Shephard knew the Right planned a caning campaign

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

SEVERAL Tory backbenchers had urged Gillian Shephard to restore corporal punishment in state schools before she declared her views yesterday.

The party's rightwingers had been co-ordinating a campaign and had discussed the issue with the Education Secretary and her junior ministers. Mrs Shephard expressed her support for caning yesterday in the full knowledge that James Pawsey, chairman of the Tory backbench education committee, was planning an attempt to to reintroduce it with an amendment to the forthcoming Education Bill. Her department had also been approached by members of the all-party Education Select Committee who also support a return to corporal punishment.

Yesterday the campaign leaders were furious that the Prime Minister had scuppered their plan, which they claimed had widespread support in the country. The main focus of the campaign was to get round the restrictions of the European Court of Human Rights by drawing up school contracts to allow parents to consent to their children being caned for misbehaviour.

In 1986 Mr Pawsey, MP for Rugby and Kenilworth, lost a similar amendment by one vote, when MPs decided to put Britain in line with the rest of Europe and abolish corporal punishment in state schools. Thirty Tory MPs, mainly from the left of the party, then voted with the Opposition to ban caning. But yesterday even leftwingers such as David Nicholson joined the clamour to give teachers the means to impose discipline. They argued that discipline had worsened since corporal punishment was banned in 1987. Two weapons had been removed from teachers: detention and the cane.

Mr Nicholson, MP for Taunton and a member of the Education Select Committee, said: "I think there is a role for corporal punishment in schools."

Mr Pawsey, who is once again leading the debate, suggested yesterday that school contracts could be changed to allow parents to give their consent. He told the Commons: "Exclusions result in those children who most need education and discipline being put outside the school gates, where the devil will soon find work for idle hands. I therefore argue that should a school wish to insert in its contract a clause which will allow the school head to use the cane in place of exclusion, then such a clause should be inserted and the contact signed by the parent. I believe that most parents would prefer their children to be caned on the hand rather than excluded from school."

Mr Pawsey said he was anxious that teachers had all the sanctions they needed. "Corporal punishment is merely one of those sanctions. The mere fact that it is available would in most cases be sufficient. The cane in the corner of the headteacher's study is in itself a powerful deterrent."

Harry Greenway, Tory MP for Ealing North and a member of the Education Select Committee, said that he would consider putting forward an amendment to the Education Bill to raise the issue of corporal punishment. "I could certainly see myself doing that because I think there is so much value in proper corporal punishment — I don't mean beating boys until they bleed, I mean moderate and reasonable corporal punishment which is an indignity to the recipient."

Earlier Sir Rhodes Boyson, Tory MP for Brent North and a former headmaster, appealed for for the return of caning. "We now have something like 10 per cent of 15 and 16-year-olds in open revolt, either inside our schools or truanting in our cities, with an underground like the Artful Dodger in the 19th century," he said on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*. "I think corporal punishment should be brought back. It should be in the Government's Bill with the full backing of the Government."

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BOB COLLIER

THE RIDINGS SCHOOL

Government inspectors arrived yesterday to begin a two-day audit of the Ridings School, Halifax, where disciplinary problems have led teachers to threaten a strike. The inspectors will produce a report for the governors and an action plan for the Education Secretary. The result of a strike ballot is expected by the end of this week

Changing the law would put Britain on trial

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

RESTORING corporal punishment to state schools would fall foul both of a series of European Court of Human Rights rulings and of international conventions signed by the Government. It would also demonstrate contempt for the United Nations recommendations that corporal punishment be prohibited not only in the state sector, as now, but also in the private sector.

Peter Newell, co-ordinator of EPOCH, a group that campaigns against corporal punishment, said yesterday: "It is hard to believe that an education minister could be giving support to the institutionalised caning of children in 1996. It is a relief that the Prime Minister has confirmed that in view of our international obligations reintroduction of corporal punishment is not practicable."

The trend is running in favour of wider bans on corporal punishment. A case pending before the European Commission on Human Rights, brought by a boy who was beaten by his stepfather with a garden cane, challenges the right of parents to administer corporal punishment at home and rests on the same law applied by the European Court to schools.

Corporal punishment was outlawed in state schools almost ten years ago after a campaign by parents, teachers and others led to series of rulings against the Government by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. The legislation covers state-funded education in independent schools, including children subsidised under the Assisted Places Scheme.

Since then there have been attempts to outlaw corporal punishment in independent schools. In 1993 the European Court of Human Rights rejected, by a majority verdict, an attempt by a parent to extend its earlier ruling to independent schools. But in a unanimous statement, the judges said that the ruling should not be taken as in any way representing approval of the use of corporal punishment.

Officials may have thought that they could circumvent the law by means of contracts with parents, which could include permission for corporal punishment. But Mr Newell said: "If it becomes a condition of entry to accept corporal punishment, then that certainly breaches the European Convention."

The phone call that brought Major's rebuke

By James Landale
Political Reporter

GILLIAN SHEPHARD was five minutes into a speech at a school in Surrey when she was interrupted by a telephone call from the Prime Minister.

Although such interventions are extremely rare and usually a source of pride to a Cabinet minister, the Education Secretary knew this was one conversation she could do without. She was aware of the furore caused by her radio interview when she strongly hinted that the Government was planning to bring back corporal punishment.

When Downing Street officials heard how the interview on the BBC's *Today* programme was being interpreted on the 9 o'clock bulletins, they knew something had be done. During the regular meeting between officials and the Prime Minister between 9am and 9.30, it was agreed that John Major would speak to Mrs Shephard directly.

During her train journey to Elmbridge, where she was to open a sixth-form college, her officials were contacted by mobile phone and told to expect a call from Mr Major on her arrival. The call came late and she had to interrupt her speech for 15 minutes.

Downing Street sources said that Mr Major merely wanted to point out that both he and she had to face questions in the Commons that afternoon and it was important they agreed what line to take. But it was made clear in Westminster that Mr Major gave Mrs Shephard a dressing down.

However, she returned to her audience looking relaxed, according to Hugh Ashton, the Mayor of Elmbridge. "She didn't look under pressure at all," he said. "Her demeanour was quite normal. I pulled her leg and asked what we were all dying to know: are you still Secretary of State for Education?"

Everyone, including Mrs Shephard, laughed and she said: "Yes, and the PM is still the PM." She then continued her visit for 45 minutes before returning to the Education Department.

Few still cling to descredited stick

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

MORE than a dozen schools in England still use corporal punishment, but few are established names and the list of diehards is dwindling.

Rodney School in Newark gave up beating after publicity over the caning of five 11-year-old girls was followed by a 50 per cent drop in the number of pupils in the early 1990s. Hulme Grammar School in Oldham has also stopped since the appointment of a new headmaster.

St James Boys' School in Twickenham, West London, still uses the cane in rare cases but it has some pupils whose parents will not give their consent.

Christian fundamentalist schools account for most of those that practise corporal punishment. The Christian Fellowship School in Toxteth, Liverpool, has used the sanction for 15 years, and the Bradford Christian School recently started using it.

State schools were barred from caning in 1987, most having given up the practice long before. The leading independent schools also all proclaim their abstinence.

Arthur Hearnden, general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint Council, said: "We have never ruled out corporal punishment, although it cannot be used on pupils supported by state funds, but there is a general consensus against it."

Nicholas Debenham, St James's headmaster, said that the Prime Minister was sensible to rule out a general return to corporal punishment because the conditions for its successful use were not present in many schools. "You may need a sanction which boys slightly fear, but unless there is love and trust and respect from the beginning it will not work."

Mr Debenham said that he had used the cane six times in the last school year, for offences such as bullying or persistent disobedience and lying. Corporal punishment is not used in the school's junior department or in the girls' school.

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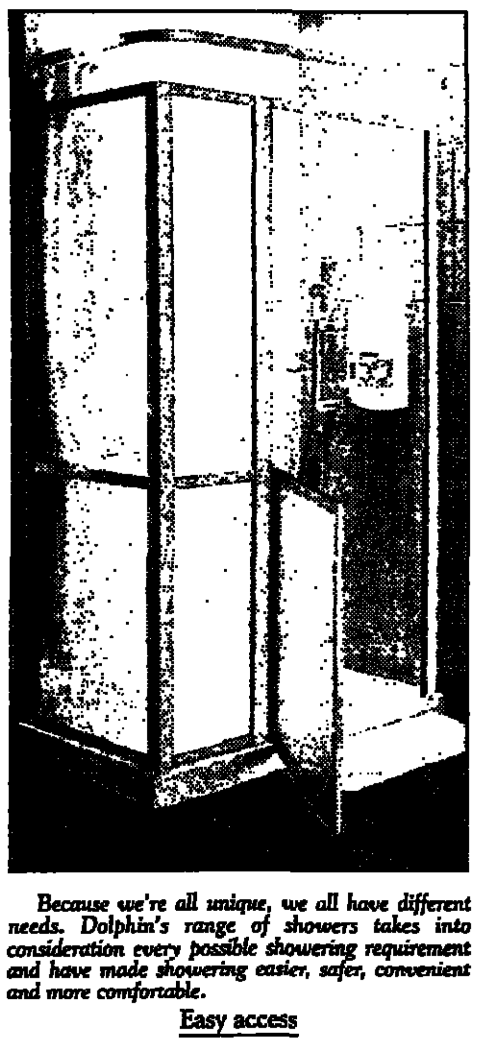

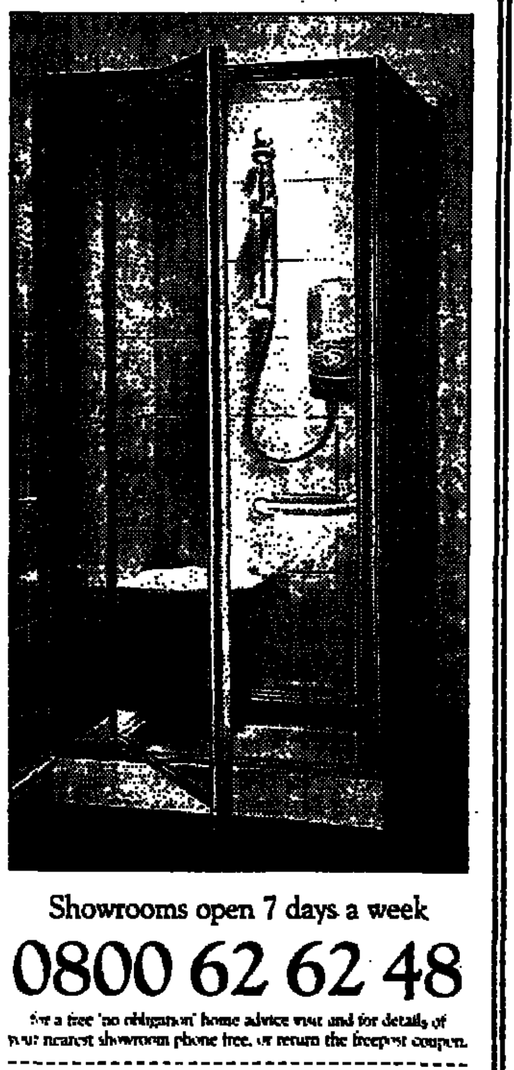

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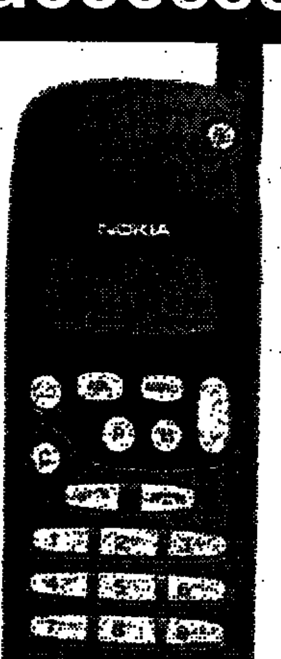

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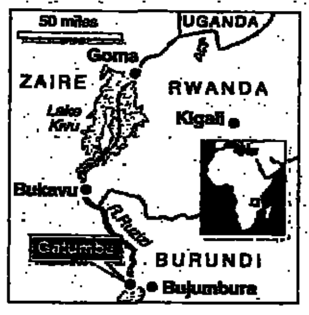
Fighting in Zaire poses threat of wider conflict

From Sam Kiley in Gatumba on the Burundi-Zaire border



WEAK and weeping from lack of food and water for three days, two girls aged about nine still found enough reserves of energy to fight over a cob of corn. They scratched at each other's faces and tore at their pigtails as they fought amid Tutsi soldiers milling about.

Their battle to satisfy their hunger ended when a passing peasant woman gave them another corn cob. They were then beaten back to their families by a Tutsi soldier clutching a stick in one hand and a rifle in the other.

The girls are among 1,700 Hutus from Burundi living as refugees in Zaire, a few miles on the other side of the Ruzizi River separating the two countries. They had fled Burundi's war between Hutu and Tutsi extremists last year only to be engulfed now in the violence raging in Zaire between Tutsi rebels and the Zairean Army in the east. The Hutu refugees are caught up in a war they want no part of, and judging by the hatred shown them by Tutsi soldiers, they may soon be joining the war's many victims hidden in mass graves.

Among them was Silvestre Bikorimana, 36, who had led his extended family of 22 members from Kyunga, close to Uvira where Zaire's slaughter of Tutsis and their subsequent rebellion began. He said he had been well-treated by the Tutsi warriors who ordered refugees from Rwanda and Burundi to return home. "I saw many dead bodies in the streets of the town, mostly shot, and all civilians. I don't know what tribe they were from. I didn't stop to look." Unlike fellow Hutus from Rwanda, Mr Bikorimana and his family did not participate in the genocide of a million Tutsis there in 1994.

The latest ethnic warfare is threatening Africa's worst-yet humanitarian crisis. Sadako Ogata, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said in Geneva that the refugee situation could be "worse than 1994" when 1.2 million Rwandan Hutus fled to Zaire after unleashing a genocide of Tutsis.

Zaire's ailing President Mobutu, undergoing treatment for cancer in a clinic in Switzerland, yesterday ordered that the eastern provinces of North and South Kivu be placed under military rule in an attempt to contain the warfare threatening to draw in Burundi and Rwanda, and which some fear could lead to the breakup of the country.

Yesterday soldiers in the Zaire Army fired at journalists filming Rwandan Hutu refugees fleeing the fighting in the Kivu provinces. Their fire was returned by Rwanda's mainly Tutsi army, and shooting continued sporadically throughout the day. Zaire's Tutsi rebels and Zairean troops exchanged heavy gunfire for two hours yesterday near Bukavu airport in eastern Zaire as the rebels infiltrated the provincial capital, witnesses said.

Five minutes up the winding road linking Burundi and Rwanda a lorry driver lay dead. Bullet holes in the windscreen explained how he had died, but not who had shot him. A few hundred yards away two Burundian soldiers lounged by the road. They may have ambushed the driver and killed him for being a Hutu. Hutu rebels may have sprayed him with bullets for being a Tutsi. In this part of the world it is better not to stop and find out.

☐ **Geneva:** The UN appealed yesterday for Western satellite pictures to trace hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the ethnic conflict. The agency had no access to up to 400,000 Rwandan Hutus cut off north of Goma and 300,000 on the run in Uvira and Bukavu, further south. *(Reuter)*

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A Zairean refugee who lost his mother as they entered Rwanda at the Matura crossing point. They were trying to escape from the fighting in eastern Zaire

Coalition talks falter in Japan

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

WITH less than a week to go before the opening of parliament and the election of the new Prime Minister, Japan appeared to be heading for a minority government last night.

The dominant Liberal Democratic Party was still bargaining with potential coalition partners, but with little to show for its efforts. The Liberal Democrats are trying to persuade the Social Democratic Party and the Sakigake Party to keep the present three-party alliance. Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, is certain to win re-election at the November 7 session, but is anxious to avoid forming an unstable minority government.

In the recent general election, Mr Hashimoto's Liberal Democrats strengthened their position as the biggest party, but fell 12 seats short of gaining a majority in the Lower House. Unless he can build a majority, Mr Hashimoto will face the constant danger of losing a confidence motion, which could bring down the government.

Foreigners told not to interfere in Chinese trial

From James Pringle in Peking and Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

CHINA said last night that foreign countries should not interfere in the trial of Wang Dan, one of the country's best known dissidents and the former student leader during the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstrations in 1989.

Mr Wang, 27, is due to go on trial today for allegedly trying to overthrow the Government, in the same court in which China's leading dissident, Wei Jingsheng, was sentenced to 14 years in prison. "In principle, this is the internal affair of China and foreign countries should not interfere," Shen Guofang, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said yesterday. He added that foreign observers must receive permission from the Justice Department. The American Embassy has asked to send an observer, but has had no response.

Wang: severe penalty

Mr Wang was charged on October 7 with counter-revolution for articles he wrote criticising the Government, and for organising a self-help group for dissidents freed from jail. He was detained in May last year.

The trial, on charges of "attempting to subvert the Chinese Government", is based on conflated or distorted documents or activities which in many other countries would be regarded as normal political behaviour. In the words of the New York-based Human Rights Watch/Asia, the trial "shows conclusively that Western mantras about economic growth producing political liberalisation notwithstanding, Chinese leaders are growing increasingly intolerant of dissent". China's urban dissident movement "has in effect been comprehensively smashed".

The consequences are particularly significant for Hong Kong, which has been warned by some of Peking's most senior leaders that protests or statements that "interfere" in Chinese politics or "personally" criticise national leaders, may be deemed illegal after the handover to Chinese rule next year. Mr Wang served almost four years in jail after the Tiananmen Square protests for "counter-revolutionary propaganda and incitement". His indictment says that because of his past detention, he should be "sentenced with extra severity".

The criminal law stipulates: "Whoever commits any of the crimes of counter-revolution mentioned above ... may be sentenced to death..."

☐ **Paris:** The Dalai Lama was kept at arm's length on a three-day visit as French officials feared a dispute with Peking before an official visit to China by President Chirac. China's Foreign Ministry had warned France against any official contact with the Tibetan spiritual leader. *(AFP)*

Pyongyang 'war plan'

By Robert Whymant

A NORTH Korean captured after his submarine ran aground off the South Korean coast said yesterday that he and other agents were engaged in a reconnaissance mission, not a routine training exercise that went wrong, as Pyongyang has claimed.

Lee Kwan Soo said he was a lieutenant belonging to the Reconnaissance Bureau of the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces. Lieutenant Lee, 31, said the submarine crew was not told the purpose of the mission but he believed it was to prepare for "a war against the South".

Seoul: A court yesterday jailed 51 students and handed suspended sentences to 59 for their part in pro-North Korean unrest in August. *(Reuter)*

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British discover they are polls apart from US campaigners

Boston: Senior British politicians have been making unannounced visits to the United States recently to pick up tips. Brian Mawhinney has been in Washington, while Peter Mandelson was at the last presidential debate in San Diego, where he was introduced to President Clinton (Machiavelli meets "The Prince"?). My own, more down-to-earth impression from watching congressional races in the northeast — and the dying embers of the presidential contest — is that there is as much for British politicians to avoid as to copy.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

First, even nice guys turn nasty when a race gets close. In Massachusetts, the two main Senate candidates have impressive records of public service — the incumbent Democrat John Kerry over two terms and William Weld, the Republican challenger, during six years so far as Governor. Mr Weld combines tax-cutting with support for choice in abortion and gay and minority rights — "against government in your pockets and in your bedroom". Mr Kerry, a Vietnam hero turned opponent of the war, has done much to defuse the emotive issue of American servicemen missing there. The two even agreed a cap on their campaign budgets.

However, with opinion polls showing them level-pegging, the affable Mr Weld launched a blitz of adverts about Mr Kerry staying rent-free in a flat lent by a lobbyist. He even accused Mr Kerry of "ungentlemanly" behaviour in breaking their deal on spending limits. This is trivial froth, but it is easy to see British politicians also becoming aggressive if the polls narrow.

Second, voters disapprove in principle of negative campaigning, but it works. Boston pundits have protested about the fairness of Mr Weld's attack on Mr Kerry's ethics, but the polls suggest that these adverts have halted Mr Kerry's momentum. Similarly, the Conservatives' "demon eyes" campaign against Tony Blair was widely criticised, but it helped to undermine his personal rating.

Third, debates between candidates are fine in theory as a means of enlightening voters, but are often less illuminating in practice. In the two presidential debates and a couple of others I have seen here, the candidates played safe, talking across each other and regurgitating rehearsed lines. Everyone repeats current fashions about being tough on crime and favouring welfare reform. Monday night's debate between Mr Kerry and Mr Weld was the eighth they have held since April.

It was lively but it exaggerated their real differences, presenting them almost as matters of personal pique rather than substance. In Britain, the Tory and Labour leaders are used to confronting each other in the Commons, but such a confrontational style might alienate voters in an election debate. My hunch is that nothing will happen.

Fourth, the more the parties concentrate on television advertisements and soundbites on the evening news, the less anything else matters. The tight, and expensive, New Jersey race — costing $6 million (£3.7 million) to $8 million for each candidate — is turning entirely on rival advertisements. Hardly anyone appears when the candidates tour the state. Open meetings and hecklers are now history. That is why John Major's "soap box" outings in 1992 were so unusual, and they succeeded in emphasising his fighting qualities. Will they work again?

Fifth, candidates should be wary of big-name celebrities. They can make politicians look small. Mr Kerry was totally overshadowed by Jesse Jackson at a rally in a black church. Mr Weld has used his position as Governor to launch a car number plate featuring Ted Williams, one of the all-time greats of baseball. In Boston, however, the 51-year-old Governor looked like an embarrassed schoolboy when the 78-year-old Williams recalled meeting a former Governor and Mayor, the rascally James Michael Curley, who once won an election while in prison and was the model for the novel *The Last Hurrah*.

Fortunately, politicians cannot always predetermine what happens.

Simon Jenkins, page 18

PETER RIDDELL

WIN McNAMEE/REUTER

President Clinton holds on to his wedding ring, which came loose after he reached into a crowd during a campaign meeting in Chicago

Democrats forced to capitulate over party benefactors

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Democratic Party last night capitulated in the face of a threatened Republican lawsuit and reversed an unprecedented refusal to publish a list of its financial contributors before election day next Tuesday.

The Democratic National Committee's climbdown came after Haley Barbour, the Republican chairman, called the refusal a blatant violation of electoral law by a party guilty of serious wrongdoing. He announced plans to seek a temporary restraining order preventing the DNC from spending any more money in the campaign's final week.

Chris Dodd, the Democratic Party chairman, denied that his party had anything to hide or that the DNC had a legal obligation to file a report with the Federal Election Commission listing all contributions and expenditure between October 1 and 16.

However, his party's obvious reluctance to disclose its contributors during those two weeks coincided with fresh evidence that the Democrats may have solicited huge illegal foreign donations in return for political favours.

The Clinton Administration admitted that the Justice Department was investigating charges that America's de facto ambassador to Taiwan — an Arkansan appointed by President Clinton — had put pressure on Taiwanese officials and businessmen to give money in return for American support for their country. The DNC has already been criticised for accepting six-figure gifts from Indonesian and South Korean businessmen.

It seemed unlikely that the late-breaking scandal would hinder Mr Clinton's seemingly effortless cruise towards re-election. A *Los Angeles Times* poll yesterday showed that only one in five respondents believed the Democrats had engaged in serious wrongdoing, while 54 per cent considered the party's acceptance of such contributions "politics as usual". However, evidence that Democrats skirted the law is becoming daily more compelling, and almost invariably centres on John Huang, a former Commerce Department official who subsequently became one of the DNC's top fundraisers.

Two weeks ago the DNC was forced to suspend Mr Huang after several six-figure contributions he had obtained from Indonesian and South Korean businessmen turned out to be illegal or highly questionable. American law bars foreign contributions unless the donors are legal residents. Mr Huang immediately vanished. Judicial Watch, a conservative group investigating whether the Commerce Department had used overseas trade missions to solicit donations to the Democrats, obtained a subpoena requiring his testimony. Mr Huang's lawyer said his client would not surface until after the elections, but late last week an exasperated federal judge instructed the reluctant DNC to order Mr Huang to report for work on Monday so the subpoena could be served.

The same judge rejected a petition by Mr Huang's lawyer that the questioning should be limited in scope and kept secret. Mr Huang was testifying yesterday and Judicial Watch planned to release a videotape of his evidence last night.

Mr Huang was also involved in the alleged Taiwanese donations. The Justice Department's criminal division is investigating charges that James Wood, America's unofficial ambassador to Taiwan, aggressively sought contributions from Taiwanese officials and businessmen as a reward for the Clinton Administration's support for Taiwan, and steered them towards Mr Huang, who visited Taiwan last May. The United States does not have formal diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

School head beat the clock to cheat in exams

FROM QUENTIN LETTS
IN NEW YORK

THE head of a night school has been accused of an audacious cheating scam (Quentin Letts writes).

Prosecutors said that George Kobayashi hired stooges to sit tests on the east coast of the United States. On leaving the examination hall, they are said to have telephoned the questions to Mr Kobayashi who was on the west coast. He then passed the information to pupils who, thanks to the three-hour time difference between New York and California, had yet to start the same papers. The answers to the tests were inscribed on pencils by a team of assistants, using a code. Mr Kobayashi distributed the pencils to his pupils who gathered at a central location before dispersing to carefully scattered examination centres so as to avoid arousing suspicion by their high pass rates.

Mr Kobayashi, 45, was arrested on suspicion of fraud and faces up to ten years in prison and a fine of up to $250,000 (£155,000). His alleged ruse was uncovered only when an FBI agent signed up at one of his schools to secure himself a place on a postgraduate course which he hoped would win him promotion.

Mr Kobayashi, whose schools promised students a "unique method" of examination preparation, charged $6,000 for fiddled graduate school admissions tests, prosecutors said. Pupils were told that a pass was guaranteed, but if they suspected that this was merely an expression of confidence in the schools' teaching methods, they were soon put right when they were advised by Mr Kobayashi to take a flight to California and sit the exam there.

It is thought that several hundred people used Mr Kobayashi's alleged extra service. Mary Jo White, US attorney in Manhattan, said: "The victims are not only the universities but the honest students who perhaps did not get into the school of their choice because they were displaced by someone who cheated."

675mph crash ends record attempt

FROM GILES WHITTELL
IN LOS ANGELES

HURTLING at nine-tenths the speed of sound across the bare waste of Nevada's Black Rock Desert, Craig Breedlove was within seconds of setting a new world landspeed record when he survived a terrifying crash that left his dart-shaped jet car intact but unusable. Powered by a supersonic fighter engine, the $5 million (£3.1 million) *Spirit of America* was travelling at 675 mph, far faster than the current record, when a cross-wind rocked its rear wheels and sent the car into a U-turn.

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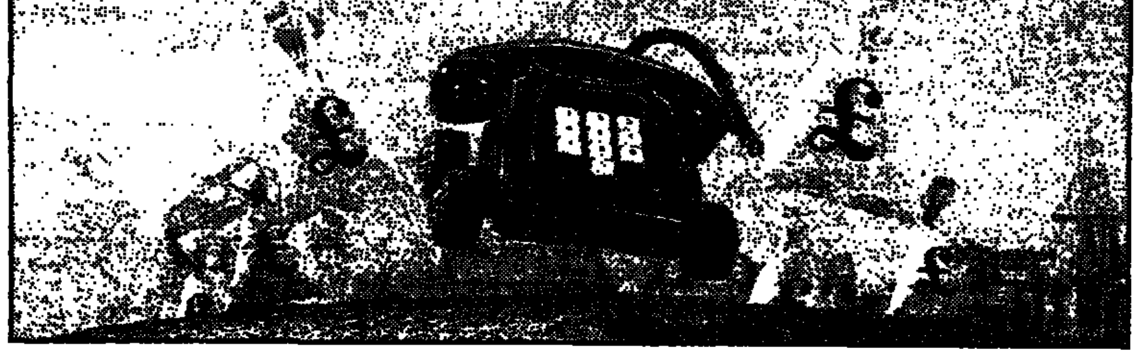

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Besieged Kabul mullahs defy Koran to launch jihad against 'bad Muslim' opponents

Taleban set for a 'final offensive' to seize north

From Christopher Thomas in Kabul

THE Taleban rulers of Kabul claimed last night that they were ready for a final offensive into northern Afghanistan to capture the remaining one-third of the country. "The backbone of the enemy is broken," it declared.

This seems a hollow boast since the huge army of General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern warlord, is hardly scathed, let alone broken.

Mullah Muhammad Mutaqi, the Information and Culture Minister, said troops were dug in and awaiting the order from Mullah Muhammad Omar, the Taleban chief, to begin the advance. Afghanistan would soon be a united country. A jihad was under way to clear the last enemies of Taleban, he said.

The Koran says a jihad cannot be declared against fellow Muslims but Mullah Mutaqi side-stepped this nicety by declaring that if General Dostum was a Muslim he was not a good one, and therefore a jihad against him was legal. "I am not saying whether he is a Muslim or an infidel," he added. He was embarrassed to be reminded that two weeks ago he had declared General Dostum a "good Muslim" and a man Taleban could deal with. But events and loyalties are moving rapidly in Afghanistan.

> ‘The mullahs in Kabul have made Afghanistan a laughing stock’

The United States is equally embarrassed by its early enthusiasm for Taleban, whose ruthless methods and suppression of women have made it an international pariah. A month ago the State Department said it saw "no problem" with the Islamic army, which it hoped would bring unity — a declaration that gave the impression that the US was actively supporting the fighters. Taleban is sensitive to this accusation, so much so it has told the US not to send any emissaries for the time being because that could give the wrong impression.

Washington had planned to send a representative to explore the possibility of recognising Taleban as a legitimate government — a possibility that is now firmly dismissed. There are even hints of dismay towards Taleban in Pakistan, where there is a growing sense that the mullahs have made Afghanistan a laughing stock by their extremism and capricious rule-making.

Central Asia is worried that Taleban will export its revolution across the border despite Mullah Mutaqi's assertion yesterday that Taleban will not offer aassistance to Islamic extremists in Tajikistan. Central Asia and Russia are almost certainly helping General Dostum to re-arm and re-equip, since he alone is capable of halting the Islamic army's advance northwards.

Aerial bombing by Taleban north of Kabul appears to be designed to smash the only road out of the Panjshir Valley, headquarters of the former government forces led by General Ahmed Shah Masood. He retreated from the capital last month but his tanks and artillery are believed to be trapped inside the valley because of the destruction of the road through the narrow gorge. Taleban claimed that 150 enemy troops had died in fighting close to Kabul and that more than 400 had been injured; only two of its force had died. It claimed to be in control of Badghis province in the west, a Dostum province. General Dostum rejects both this claim and the casualty figures.

Mullah Mutaqi claimed that some of General Dostum's commanders had defected to Taleban. This is entirely possible since militia commanders routinely swap sides for money, proving the adage that an Afghan can be rented but not bought.

"When Taleban forces entered any part of the country the majority of the people took their side because they were sick of corrupt rule," Mullah Mutaqi said. This is a valid statement, except in Kabul, which continues to hate Taleban's Islamic dogma.

Peace talks: Iran yesterday opened a regional conference in Tehran to seek a solution to the Afghan crisis but Pakistan, a key player in neighbouring Afghanistan, stayed away from the talks. *(Reuter)*

SANTIAGO LYON/AP

Taleban fighters examine an unexploded bomb at their base 15 miles north of Kabul. It was dropped by the Dostum-Masood alliance

Plasters and painkillers used to ease agony of child victims

From Michael Dynes in Charikar

ABDUL ZAHER, a ten-year-old urchin from Ulang district near the Salang highway, was playing in the mud near his home when he picked up a Taleban butterfly mine which blew off his hand and tore a hole in his stomach.

His distraught father had no option but to take him to the dilapidated hospital in Charikar, a small town a few miles south of the arc of fighting, unremarkable in its rows of mud hut terraces, open sewers and throbbing bazaars.

The hospital's overworked staff were able to saw off his hand at the wrist, sew up the stump, remove most of the fragments from his abdomen and give him a little pain killer to ease his agony. In a day or two, he will have to be discharged to make way for the other casualties who are queuing to take his place.

For those who do not have enough money for treatment in Mazar-i-Sharif, the fly-infested wards of Charikar hospital are all that is available. Dark, damp and riddled with cockroaches and other vermin, it is a wonder how a healthy person could survive even a few days. Sheets of polythene, fixed to rickety wooden frames, serve as make-do windows. Naked light bulbs and bare wires hang from the crumbling ceilings. A pile of blood-stained stretchers lies in a corner. Flies and dust are everywhere and the stench from the lavatories is so overwhelming it is difficult not to vomit if you find yourself downwind of them.

Dr Muhammad Waqub Rasuly, who runs the hospital when he is not doubling as General Ahmed Shah Masood's physician, is embarrassed by his hospital's filthy state. However, when he was presented with a letter from General Masood's office asking him to co-operate with us, he eventually allowed us in to examine the facilities.

Each of the tiny rooms is packed with patients lying on small rickety beds furnished with two-inch-thick mattresses. All are suffering from terrible head, chest, limb and abdominal wounds: victims of the fighting between Taleban troops and the former government forces trying to retake Kabul, the Afghan capital.

Abdul Zaher's father shares his injured son's suffering

The doctor recites what has become the mantra of hospital administrators all over Afghanistan: "We do not have enough medicines and drugs to treat the people who come to us. Often I have to search in the bazaar to see what I can find. Serious cases can stay with us for ten days. Less serious ones, those with broken or amputated limbs, have to leave after two days."

In another ward lies Obid Ullah, eight, from the Farza district near Kabul. He lost his leg when he was hit by shrapnel from a Taleban shell during recent fighting. The leg's tattered remnants were removed on the operating table less than an hour ago, and he is dying.

When General Masood pushed Taleban back from the Panjshir Valley to the hills around Kabul, the hospital was inundated with casualties. Dr Rasuly said that as well as the civilians they had to cope with 230 injured Talebs. "We could not deal with them, so we had to send them back to Kabul."

Now that General Masood has renewed his offensive against Taleban in the hills, the hospital is bracing itself for a new flood of casualties. Most will be civilians. Charikar Hospital will be on hand to administer a Band Aid to a bleeding people.

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West Bank tensions rise as crowd riots at Arab boy's funeral

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN HEBRON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ISRAELI troops used live ammunition to break up Palestinian rioting which broke out in the occupied West Bank yesterday after the funeral of a ten-year-old Arab boy allegedly beaten to death by a Jewish *settler.*

The boy's death — the circumstances of which are under dispute — became the focal point of tension whipped up by the failure of American-sponsored negotiations to finalise terms under which Israeli troops can hand over most of Hebron, the last occupied West Bank city, to Palestinian control.

*Yesterday Israeli and Pales*tinian negotiators convened in a Tel Aviv hotel in an effort to keep the talks alive although Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, was in Norway. Dennis Ross, the American envoy who has been mediating the discussions for the past three weeks, returned to Washington yesterday.

Jews and Muslims in the *city have accused each other of* stockpiling weapons in advance of the Israeli withdrawal from 85 per cent of the urban area, which American officials still predict will take place before Christmas. Yesterday settlers in Hebron *hurled insults and spat at* Palestinian Authority leaders visiting the city.

During the funeral about 5,000 mourners vowed to avenge Himi Shosha as his body was laid to rest in his village shortly before the area was placed under Israeli curfew. The scenes of renewed violence underscored the volatile situation in the West Bank *and Gaza Strip, where armed* clashes last month left 75 dead.

Mourners, angered by the Government's support for the settlers, carried banners saying: "Get the Nazis out of our land" and "the criminal settler must be hanged". The suspect was remanded in custody until Friday. Tensions were unlikely to be eased by the news that the Israeli Government had approved the construction of 8,000 homes in three Jewish settlements on the West Bank in an area 25 miles northwest of Jerusalem.

With leaders of the 450 Jews living in the centre of Hebron and those of the 120,000 *Palestinians that surround* them both giving warnings of a bloodbath, the newspaper *Maariv* said: "Worrying signs are increasing that the extreme Right might take extreme measures, even against the Netanyahu Government, if and when the Hebron deployment is decided upon."

Although Israeli paratroopers guard every inch of Hebron's "Martyrs' Road" between the Tomb of the Patriarchs and the main Jewish settlement of Beit Hadassah, it is impossible to ignore the loathing in the eyes of passing Arabs who glare from beside such wall slogans as "Death to The Jews".

The stubbornness and extremism of Hebron's Jews is matched by that of its fervently Islamic Arab residents.

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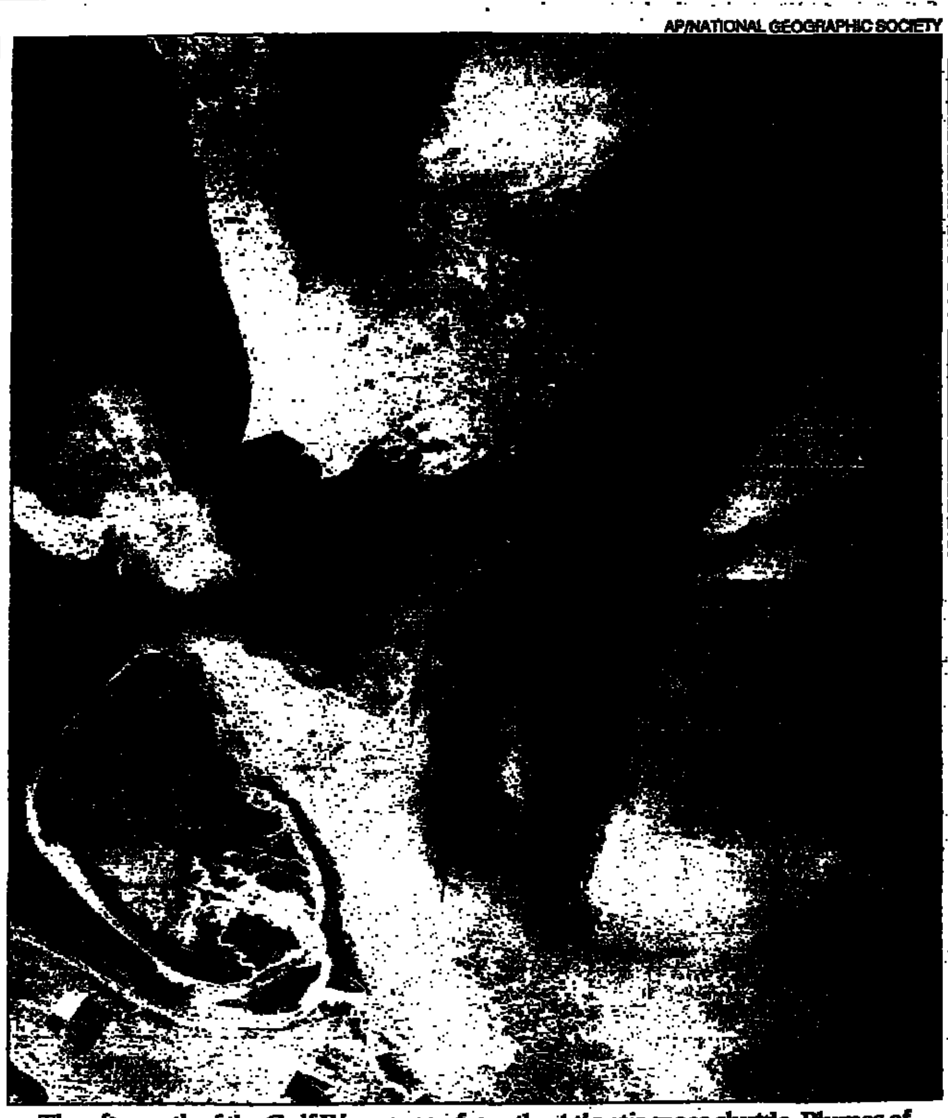

The aftermath of the Gulf War as seen from the *Atlantis* space shuttle. Plumes of black smoke rise into space from Kuwaiti oil fields set on fire by retreating Iraqi troops

Burning oil fields in Kuwait threatened ecological disaster

Spacemen's view of scorched earth policy

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THREE giant palls of smoke reach up from Kuwait into space. This photograph, *The Aftermath of the Gulf War*, was taken in April 1991 from the *Atlantis* shuttle, on the shuttle's first flight after the end of the war two months earlier.

Astronauts Jerry Ross and Ken Cameron woke up early in order to take the picture of the burning oil fields, one of the earliest and most vivid testimonies to the damage inflicted by Iraq. Iraqi troops set fire to numerous well heads as they retreated in the face of intense Allied attacks.

The picture is included in a 224-page book of photographs taken by astronauts out of personal interest rather than technical requirements during the past 34 years.

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Israelis appalled by tasteless line in 'Nazi' fashion

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

MANY of Israel's Holocaust survivors were outraged yesterday by reports that a new fashion has hit the country and is being snapped up by fashion-conscious young Israelis: boots, purses and shoes made out of shiny black leather that bears the brand name "Nazi".

The tasteless new fad among a younger generation already shocking older Israelis by its reluctance to serve in the army was disclosed on the front page of the biggest selling Tel Aviv newspaper *Yediot Aharonot*.

The newspaper quoted salesmen and saleswomen explaining to their Jewish customers: "This is a shiny black leather material which is called 'Nazi' after the leather boots worn by the Nazis. The models have just come out and they will be the hit of the winter."

Sigalit Shahor, a reporter, found that in one shop belonging to the popular Grosso Modo fashion chain, the name "Nazi" was clearly printed on a shoe box as well as on the soles of the shoes.

The owner of the chain of boutiques told the newspaper: "The name 'Nazi leather' has become fashionable in many places, not only in our stores. Phone the manufacturer of the shoes and ask them what is going on."

A *Yediot* investigation found that the new material was also the rage in young women's purses. It said that trendy Israeli customers were asking for the leather by its "Nazi" brand-name in shops and that there were Israeli sales staff actively trying to promote the fashion despite its terrible historical connotations.

In one shop visited by Ms Shahor, she reported that "a salesgirl tried to persuade me to purchase one of the new purses. 'It is high quality material and does not get dirty', the salesgirl boasted. 'All of the boots worn by the Nazis during the Second World War were made out of this material.'"

Many Israelis have been shocked by the newspaper report. "I just cannot believe what I am reading and hearing," said a Jewish businesswoman who emigrated from *Manchester* 25 years ago. "To think that this is happening here is incredible and a deep insult to the six million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis."

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Economists claim Germany will fail to hit EMU target

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

GERMANY will fail to make the grade for European monetary union on two counts, according to a forecast yesterday by the country's six leading economic institutes.

The assessment sent politicians and central bankers into a spiral of panic that either the entry criteria would have to be diluted or the start-up date delayed.

The prognosis was not all bad: the institutes believe that the German economy will grow by 1.5 per cent in 1996 and 2.5 per cent next year, and that inflation will stay low, at around 1.5 per cent.

But the public deficit will reach 3.5 per cent of gross domestic product — significantly higher than the 3 per cent benchmark set by the Maastricht treaty for single currency candidates.

And public debt will exceed the 60 per cent of GDP prescribed by Maastricht. That would, in effect, derail the whole European monetary union project — if figures alone were the decisive element — since it cannot function without Germany.

The Finance Ministry, working on substantially the same economic data, has calculated that the public deficit could be kept at around 2.5 per cent — that is within the Maastricht criteria. But the independent economists, representing forecasting centres in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Kiel, Halle and Essen, cannot work out how the ministry has come up with such an optimistic reading.

"In 1997 — even taking into account the already announced financial measures — an additional DM15 billion (£6 billion) would have to be saved in order to meet the reference values set by the Maastricht treaty," says the report.

Since the Bonn coalition has come close to breaking point over the past week on even the existing rather modest spending cuts, it seems unlikely that the Kohl government will manage to scratch together the additional funds.

A measure of the German mood was the alacrity with which six Christian Democrat deputies, accompanying Chancellor Kohl on a tour of the Far East, have broken off their trip to return to Bonn.

An emergency debate on the budget and its shortfalls will be held today, in the absence of the Chancellor. The coalition of Christian Democrats and Free Democrats is at loggerheads, especially over tax reform. The Christian Democrats want to raise some taxes, increase revenue and reduce the need for further borrowing; the Free Democrats believe they can survive at the ballot box only if they are clearly identified as the tax-cutting party. The cracks in the government alliance are likely to be exposed today.

Yesterday the Bundesbank entered the fray. A member of the Central Bank Board, Klaus Dieter Kühbacher, said: "No government can afford to diverge from the goal of a stable currency merely to gain domestic, political advantage."

☐ **Major tribute:** John Major made a modest contribution to the growing personality cult of Herr Kohl with a gentle, written tribute and a plea that differences over Europe should not mar the Anglo-German relationship. In the introduction to an eight-page supplement on Britain, published by the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Mr Major accused the media of distorting the true nature of Anglo-German friendship.

"The reality is quite different — on all levels. Chancellor Kohl and I are good friends and two of the longest-serving heads of government in Europe." It has been some time since Chancellor Kohl — who this week becomes the longest-serving German leader this century — has referred to Mr Major in such glowing terms. German politicians make no secret that they are waiting for a Labour government or, with even more enthusiasm, a Liberal-Labour pact.

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Police evict one of the more than 100 illegal immigrants who occupied a Paris police office yesterday demanding residence permits and a halt to expulsions. Police said several protesters, including women with young children, were taken away in vans for

Immigrants in Paris sit-in

checks at police headquarters. This summer some 300 Africans occupied a Paris church for two months, claiming controversial 1993 laws had turned them into illegal immigrants. The Government granted residence permits to many of them on humanitarian grounds but others are still waging court battles to avoid expulsion. *(Reuter)*

Nato tries to reassure Russia on missiles

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

NATO has no spare nuclear missiles to deploy to the territory of any new members of the alliance from Eastern Europe, Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, admitted yesterday.

His statement during an interview in Brussels with Interfax, the Russian news agency, was intended to reassure Russia that the alliance was not planning to base nuclear forces in Eastern Europe once Nato had opened its doors to new members by the end of 1999.

The issue of deploying Nato conventional and nuclear forces into putative alliance member states such as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic has been a key point of concern in Moscow. However, Señor Solana said: "Nato has no spare nuclear missiles. We do not plan to deploy them on the territories of the countries which may receive invitations to join Nato."

At present, nuclear bombs are based in most European members of the alliance. The United States has modified versions of the B61 air-launched nuclear bomb in bases throughout Europe, although Norway and Denmark are nuclear-free countries within the alliance.

Despite recent reports to the contrary, defence sources confirmed yesterday that there were still a few US nuclear bombs stored in Britain. In the past the Americans have stored about 500 nuclear bombs in European countries, including Britain, Germany, The Netherlands, Italy and Spain. According to Nato sources, there are now about 200 American nuclear free-fall bombs in Europe, with each country allocated a few to demonstrate the principle of sharing responsibility.

Moscow has called for guarantees that Nato nuclear forces will never be deployed in Eastern Europe. Yesterday, as part of his attempt to reassure Moscow of Nato's desire to develop new security relations with Russia, Señor Solana said that he hoped to sign a deal on future relations between Russia and the Western alliance, possibly in the form of a charter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cairo ruins yield more survivors

Cairo: Samantha Miksche, 17, an American, and Noha Fawzi, 20, her Egyptian friend, were found alive in the ruins of a 12-storey Cairo block of flats, 36 hours after it collapsed on Sunday, killing at least 19 people.

Rescue workers using sniffer dogs were said also to have located an unknown number of other survivors and were trying to free them. Rescuers said that three more bodies were found yesterday — an Egyptian man, woman and child. *(AFP)*

British soldiers shot at in Cyprus

Nicosia: Two uniformed Royal Engineers on maintenance work were fired on by Turkish Cypriot forces when they strayed a few yards into Turkish-held territory in Cyprus (Our Foreign Staff writes). Neither was hurt. In Limassol, a judge and his daughter, five, were hurt when a bomb exploded under their car, police said.

Kurdish blast

Ankara: A Kurdish woman suicide bomber who had been detained by police on Turkey's national day yesterday succeeded in killing herself and four others in the Turkish town of Sivas. *(Reuter)*

Somali attack

Mogadishu: Unidentified gunmen killed 13 people and wounded 16 in an attack on a south Mogadishu restaurant in an area loyal to Somali faction leader Hussein Aidid. *(Reuter)*

Asia trade fears

Sydney: Tension between Australia and its Asian neighbours is growing in a row over immigration. John Howard, the Prime Minister, accused Asian newspapers of misrepresenting his views. *(Reuter)*

Stargazer dies

Paris: Madame Soleil, the most famous astrologer in France, whose predictions were broadcast for more than 20 years and who reputedly advised François Mitterrand, has died here, aged 83. *(AFP)*

Author takes aim at new 'Jackal' film

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

Forsyth: studio attacked

THE writer Frederick Forsyth has launched a scathing attack on Universal Pictures over its plans for a new screen version of one of his books, *The Day of the Jackal*, that he says contains "not one single element of the original".

Mr Forsyth's book, and the classic 1973 film based on it starring Edward Fox, was about a lone assassin's attempt on the life of Charles de Gaulle, the French President. The new film is about a former IRA hitman who is hired to kill the head of the FBI.

"You appear to have accepted an original screenplay and to be tacking on to it an internationally known title," Mr Forsyth wrote in a letter to Greg Meidel, a senior Universal executive. "Would you seriously contemplate a film about a Washington-based weather forecaster and call it *A Man for All Seasons*?

Mr Forsyth's skirmish in the creative world's age-old battle for intellectual property rights adds weight to an earlier attack on Universal by Frederick Zinnemann, 89, the director of the original film, who has accused the studio of hijacking the title. "Beware the anger of a patient man", he told the *Los Angeles Times* at the weekend, likening Universal to a lunatic smashing art in a museum. "I am a patient man but I'm in a state of rage about this."

The studio is legally immune, however, since it owns the rights to the book.

Albania wins back £13m of looted gold

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

MORE than 50 years after the Nazis looted its treasury, Albania yesterday took possession of more than 11,000 lb of gold, worth nearly £13 million, that has been stored in the vaults of the Bank of England. The ingots are expected to be shipped back to Tirana before the end of the year.

After a day of talks with a high-level Albanian delegation, Emrys Davies, the Secretary General of the Tripartite Gold Commission set up by the Western Allies at the end of the Second World War, said: "This is the last major single share of the commission's gold pool to be settled. The commission will proceed with preparations for the final distribution of the remaining gold to the claimant Governments."

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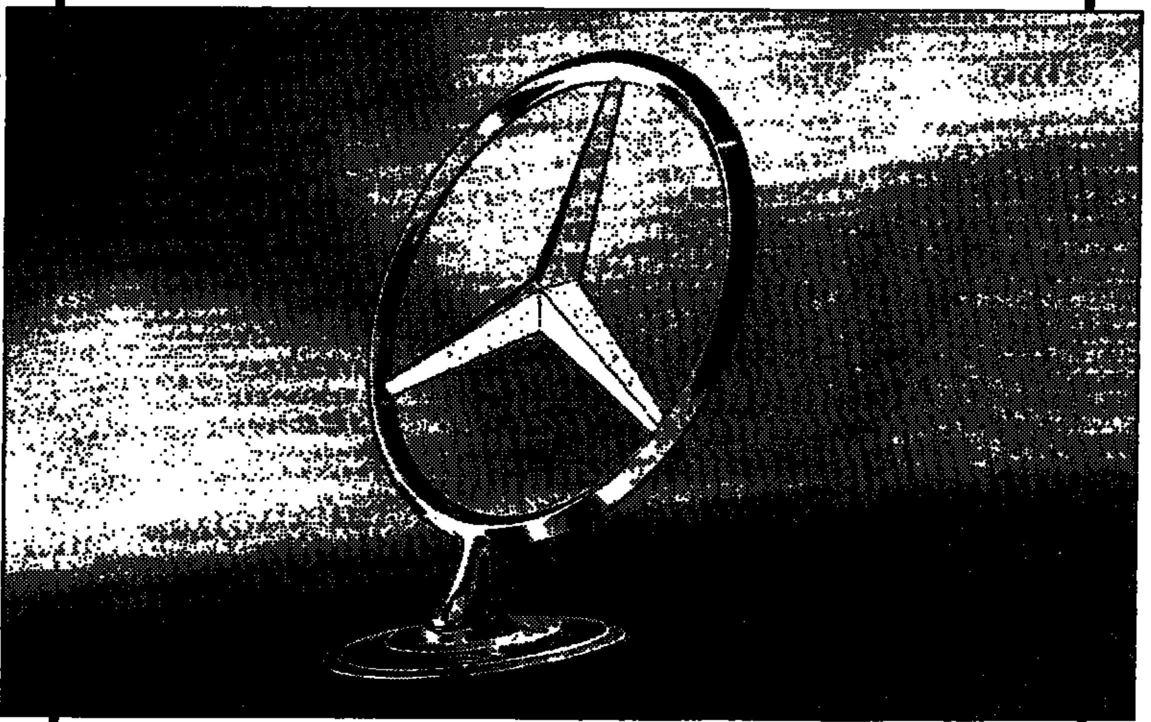

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Tomorrow night Hugo Boss, the giant German menswear fashion company, will lend its support not to British fashion but to British theatre. In a joint initiative with *The New Yorker* magazine they are sponsoring a glam-packed gala benefit in aid of The Royal Court Theatre, an event that officially will mark the start of the theatre's renovation.

"We hope this event will help to keep the Royal Court's spirit of creativity alive," says Peter Littmann, chairman and CEO of Hugo Boss AG. "The achievements of the theatre company, particularly its reputation for fostering new talent, ties in perfectly with the philosophies behind Hugo Boss's commitment to arts projects." The company has a long-term partnership with the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

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The benefit will feature original cast members in scenes from some of the Royal Court's major productions. A fashionable spin to Hugo Boss's funding plan means that the Royal Court's artistic director, Stephen Daldry, will be dressed exclusively by the German clothing company for a year.

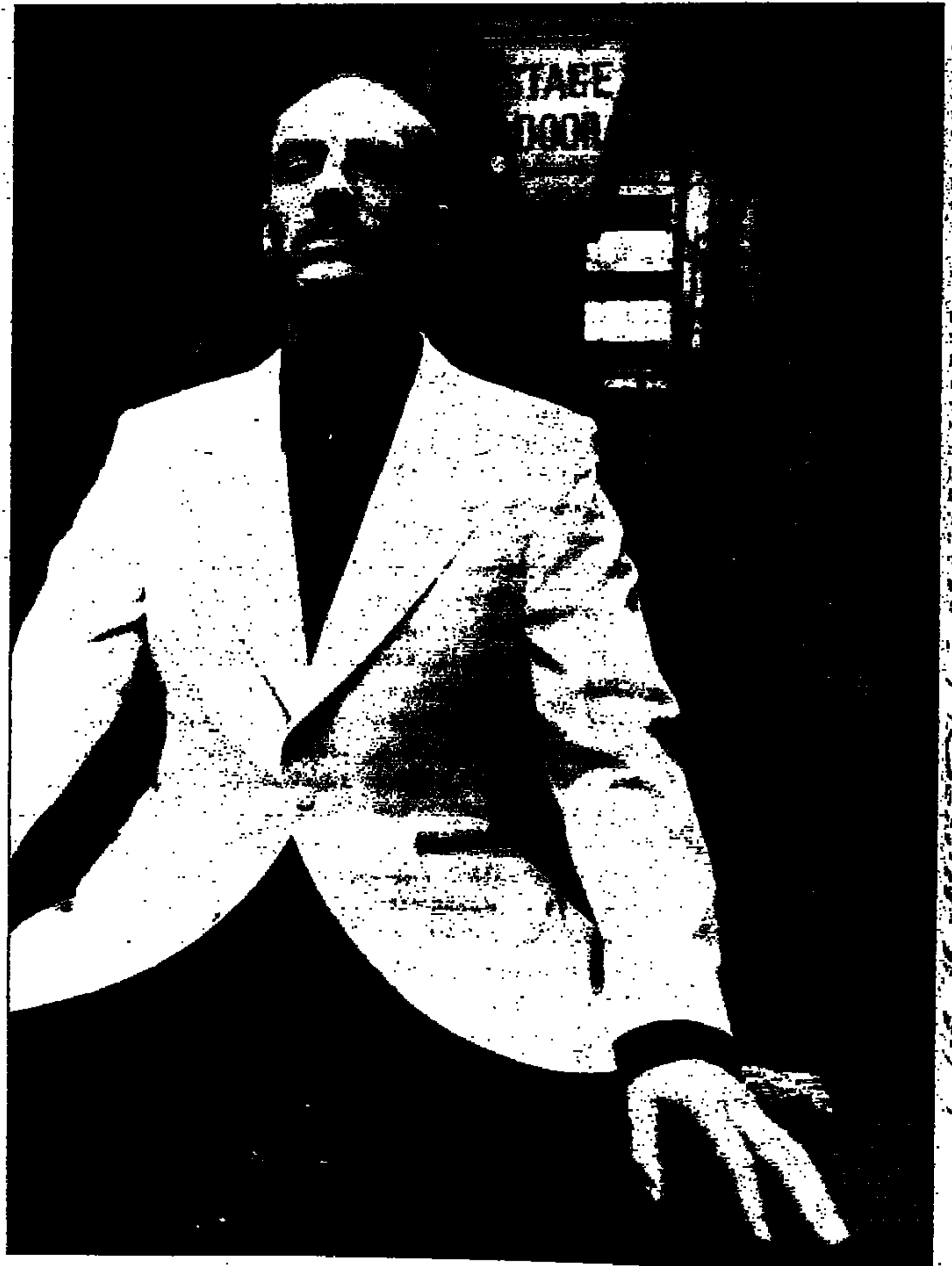
The Royal Court company is operating between The Ambassadors and the Duke of York's Theatre in London's West End. Their first production at the Duke of York's is *Mojo*, a play by Jez Butterworth set in the twilight world of 1950s Soho.

Backstage the all-male cast of *Mojo* eagerly size up a rail laden with Hugo Boss suits. Dressed in combinations of black, silver grey and creamy white, the actors begin to resemble their shady stage characters: the pointy-collared shirts and sharp-as-a-razor suits that act as an alternative to conventional eveningwear certainly have a gangster feel.

"I'm not exactly a suit man," says Darren Tighe, yet he is happy to wear a shiny silver-grey three-piece suit and matching shirt.

Not that these actors haven't had a brush with fashion. On stage both Neil Stuke and Callum Dixon wear made-to-measure suits by celebrity Soho tailor Mark Powell, who counts Kate Moss and Mick Jagger among his clientele.

"Pleat peg trousers and shorter jackets — very Italian," says Stuke as he reclines in the front row of the stalls wearing an ivory white suit, black shirt and off-white tie, moodily chewing a matchstick. "Method modelling," says a voice in the wings.



NEIL STUKE
Above:
Stage credits include *The Philanderer* and *View from a Bridge* alongside television appearances on *Between the Lines*, wears white suit, £520, black shirt, £99, cream silk tie, £39, Hugo.

DARREN TIGHE
Above left:
Never off the small screen in *Cracker* and *A Touch of Frost*, wears metallic three-piece suit, £460, metallic shirt, £89, Boss.

PAUL REYNOLDS
Above right:
Has appeared in everything from *Absolutely Fabulous* to *Punk's Not Dead* at the Edinburgh Festival, wears black shiny jacket, £325, white cotton shirt, £75, Boss.

CALLUM DIXON
Above far right:
Off-stage credits include the film *Waterlands*, wears a black creased jacket, £325, matching trousers, £130, pleated wing-collared shirt, £95, blue bow-tie (part of set with cummerband) £79, Boss.

SIMON KUNZ
Right:
Lists *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Barnstorming* and *King Lear* among his stage appearances, wears cream evening jacket and black side-strip trousers (sold as suit), £650, black poplin shirt, £59, Boss.

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Nigella Lawson on the working mother's dilemma: plus, the first woman to join the Tory Whips Office

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The closest bond of all — but does this baby really need its mother available all day?

Childcare: the taboo and the hypocrisy

A couple of weeks or so ago, when writing about new research on abortion, I castigated those people with an agenda who refused to consider evidence if it pointed to truths they found unpalatable. Now, I find myself constrained as never before. For I run the risk of offending my friends.

Perhaps it would be to overstate the case to describe the pamphlet by the Institute of Economic Affairs on the damaging effects on children of being put into daycare by working mothers as 'evidence', but just because its findings are opinion, and very much ideologically driven, doesn't mean we should dismiss them.

The reason I now run the risk of offending my friends is because all of my contemporaries go out to work. Consequently, my generation has a vested interest in proving that this does not harm children. Unfortunately, just because we wish something to be, doesn't make it so.

I am not saying that going out to work does damage children, but it must affect them. And I do feel a rather Blair-like equivocation on this one. I don't think I could go out all day, and I certainly wouldn't want to, but I feel passionately that it's not for me to dictate how other women lead their lives. Besides, as I am constantly reminded, and accept without question, I am very lucky: I get the best of both worlds. I can earn money without having to leave my children; my life is deeply, pleasurably domestic and yet I feel I exist in the outside world, too.

I concede that most women don't have these options, but the subject must still be faced. And there is so much rot spewed on this one: everyone has something to prove. Those who stay at home (or, more often, exhort others to do so) are smug in their assumed superiority: those who go out to work are defensively resistant to the idea that their children might suffer as a result.

It is true that small children want to be with their mothers. Uncomfortable as it is to admit in the modern ideological climate, they are disconcertingly untroubled by the routine absence (as opposed to permanent non-presence) of their fathers. In fact, children now — at least those of the professional middle classes — are in many ways better off than we and those before us were.

Fathers now are unquestionably more involved in childcare. This has to be a good thing, benefiting father, child and mother.

But the stakes are high in this particular debate — indeed, there are none higher — and it is hardly surprising if everyone argues a little too hysterically. Lynette Burrows, writing in *The Sunday Telegraph*, exemplifies a certain sort of misguided passion by arguing that "the chief cause of juvenile delinquency is the working woman".

There are a few confused prejudices here. The career woman — selfish, ambitious, unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices for her children and family — is a familiar figure of abuse.

Nigella Lawson

But we all know that it is not the children of such women who are the juvenile delinquents Lynette Burrows has in mind. These are more likely to be the children of the long-term unemployed, whose fathers, if they are around at all, are out of work, and whose mothers need to earn what they can to keep the family going. If they don't go out to work, then they need to be supported by the State and are then written-off as workshy scroungers. Either way around, a woman's place is in the wrong.

But there are hard truths about going out to work and leaving children all day. Not least, that it is very much harder to be a mother. Quality time is phooey, an Eighties concept designed to make us all feel better. Not only do children not appreciate the odd ten minutes or two hours that parents can graciously give them, it is much harder for the parents, too. The truth is, parents who spend little time with their children feel they have to be a lot nicer to them. In other words, the problem is not so much that of neglect, than of indulgence.

If you spend all day with a child, it is easier to risk being hated. And one has to be hated some of the time: children may benefit by being treated firmly, but they hardly thank you for it. But if you see your child for only a few hours at breakfast and bedtime and at weekends, then you won't want to risk any conflict in that time: you will want to enjoy being with them and have them enjoy being with you. But instead of making for an easier, more harmonious time, it inevitably leads to more conflict: parents who are afraid that by checking their children they will be disliked for it, give in to them. This, in the long term, makes children more rather than less likely to have tantrums.

We accuse working mothers of visiting all forms of ill on their children, but it wasn't always so. Women with children, widowed and left penniless in the war, who worked all hours to bring up their children, were applauded as plucky, the backbone of their families and the country. So what is different now? The family. Women who went out to work then could rely on their own mothers, aunts, sisters and so forth to help with the children. Few of us have that now.

And as I said last week, 13-year-old Sarah Taylor, with her large family, has, in this one respect, an advantage over her contemporaries.

It is all very well to demonise childcare, but the nanny or, perhaps even more, the childminder, is probably the best stand-in for the extended family. Daycare centres are less easy to celebrate. Rather than promising affordable daycare centres, the Government should subsidise and encourage more registered childminders. That way, at least, children would be placed each day in a family environment.

Professional working mothers are so attacked that they are running for comfort, telling themselves and others that they long to stay at home, if only they had the choice. "The great taboo", this was called in a magazine recently: more like the great hypocrisy.

There are many women who work because they have no choice, but those who bang on about how unhappy they are doing so, do not — in my experience — belong to that category. These are the ones who *want* to work (and there is nothing wrong in that), but just don't want to be criticised for it. It is not the working mother, but the self-deluding mother who runs the greatest risk of damaging her children.

'Miss Whiplass' takes control

Better quality wine and less whingeing.

Alice Thomson interviews Jacqui Lait

Deep inside the Gothic corridors of the Palace of Westminster lies a dingy room filled with cigar smoke, testosterone, intrigue and suspense.

Most Tory MPs dread a summons to this room. Potential rebels scuttle past the door and defectors give it an even wider birth. This is the Conservative Whip's Office, the reputed repository of the little black book, detailing the sexual and financial misdemeanours of MPs, and the place where the Tory hierarchy wields its sticks and carrots in daily pursuit of an increasingly elusive government majority.

No woman has ever joined this inner sanctum. Even Margaret Thatcher never got to swing her handbag here. But now, more than three-quarters of a century after Winston Churchill said that a woman in the House of Commons was like a woman in his bathroom, the last parliamentary male bastion has fallen. This summer Jacqui Lait became the first woman to be asked by the Tory whips to join their band of brothers and last week she took up her post.

If the men thought she would tip-toe timorously through the first few days in her new role, they were wrong. She may have been wearing a powder-pink suit, but within seconds Mrs Lait had her feet on the desk, her extra-large Kleenex in the top drawer and was complaining about the lack of a kettle. She volunteered for one of the toughest jobs, trawling the tea-room to talk to recalcitrant backbenchers and she roared with laughter when *The Sun* dubbed her Miss Whiplass.

Her colleagues in the Whips' Office say she is already one of the boys. Ambitious MPs on the outside, who all compete for this pivotal first step towards a ministerial career, claim that she may have been one all along.

They whisper that she has never had any children, let alone changed a nappy, her hair looks as though it was cut by the House barber, she has a deeper voice than Nicholas Soames and she drives a very masculine Jaguar. They also mutter that when she arrived with the 1992 intake, she had the temerity to complain not about the paucity of ladies' loos but the quality of the wine. But meeting Mrs Lait for lunch it is soon apparent that she is not the female shotputter of the House of Commons. She is strong, attractive, and engagingly frank.

DES JENSON

Jacqui Lait: "Whipping, like stripping, is best done in private"

She admits the story about wine is true. "When I arrived at Westminster all there was was this awful Italian wine lake stuff in two-litre bottles. A woman likes a nice glass of wine with her plate of cheese, so yes I did complain," she says.

On children she is equally blunt. "I remember when I was about 12 walking down the High Street and watching all these young mothers with whingeing babies. It put my teeth on edge and I thought, 'I never want one of those. I would end up battering it.' The sentiment stuck. I have been married 22 years and I have absolutely no maternal instincts. When my husband proposed, I was thrilled but the first thing I asked him was: "Do you want to have children? Because I have other things I want to do." My mother puts it down to the fact that my father died when I was 12 and I helped to bring up my younger brothers, so I have done it once."

Mrs Lait thinks her career has been made "massively easier" because she didn't have children but she says that shouldn't disqualify her from the female race. She doesn't like shopping but makes her own clothes instead and gets her hair cut by Robert at the Berkeley every three weeks.

The daughter of two textile agents in Renfrewshire, she was educated at Paisley Grammar School before Strathclyde University. "I've wanted to be an MP since I was eight, when my godmother Pat Hornsby-Smith, then Tory MP for Chislehurst, took me round this place and I was smitten. It got me in the gut."

But getting selected was difficult. The blue-rinse shire ladies were looking for eligible bachelors or married men they could respect. She didn't find a seat until her early forties, working meanwhile for the Government Information Service and then running her own lobbying company.

She didn't read Machiavelli before taking up the whip's job but she did spend the summer working out some tactics in between opening fêtes. "There are different ways of being tough, some people respond to hard man, soft man tactics, some to persuasion and others like to be flattered," she says. Her Paisley vowels can either be wonderfully soothing or terrifying and are mixed with lots of "bless you".

She is one of a rare breed of politicians who is not trying to jump on the moral bandwagon. But she will not mollycoddle any male MP who admits to an affair and is very aware that one of her duties is to stamp on sleaze. "Women are working too hard to have affairs here. Men should follow their example," she says briskly. She also expects them to dress properly and to control themselves in the House. "This is a place of dignity and respect and they must treat it as such."

She is not allowed to talk about policy any more and refuses to confirm whether there is a black book. Whipping, like stripping, she reminds you, is best done in private.

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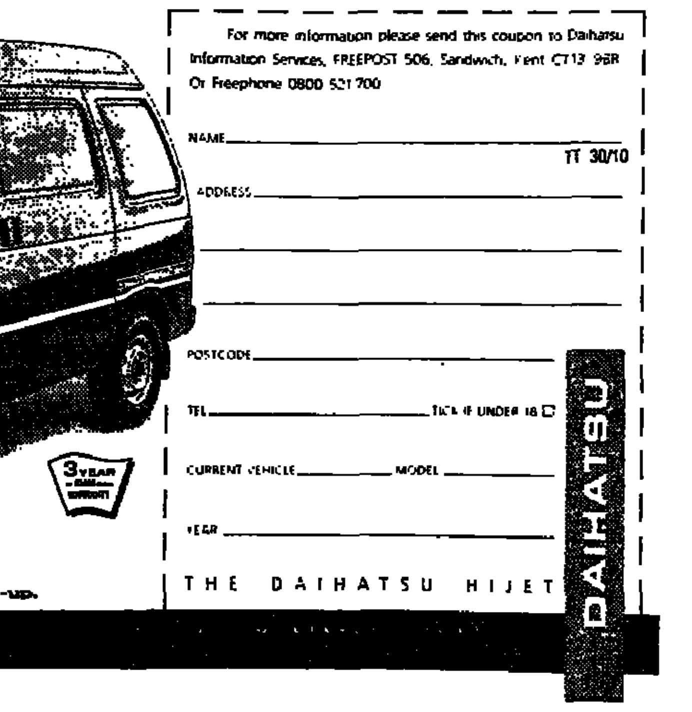

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The real scandal of our schools

Melanie Phillips defends her critique of moral relativism

Britain is in the grip of a culture war. In one camp are the libertarian individualists, who won't distinguish between good and bad behaviour because they think the equality of free choices is sacrosanct. In the other are those who think judgment between right and wrong and an assertion of the common good are essential for a civilised social ethic. These divisions explain the ferocity with which my book about education, *All Must Have Prizes*, has been received. Much of the reaction by the education establishment and other cultural custodians has been hysterical and personally malicious. Many teachers and parents, on the other hand, say they endorse every word.

The book argues that moral norms have frayed because of a breakdown of the role of education in nurturing the young. It was once axiomatic that parents and teachers had a duty to transmit to the young a body of knowledge and values, to initiate them into their culture and into the human condition itself. Now, however, the moral hierarchy which set adults in authority over children has been eroded. The idea that there is *any* superior wisdom or authority to be transmitted has been undermined, with catastrophic effects in the classroom no less than in family life.

There are many very good teachers and excellent schools, just as many parents are giving their children a sound upbringing. But the cards are stacked against them. Their authority has been weakened by moral and cultural relativism, which has relocated authority from institutions such as families, churches and schools to the individual. Now all of us, including children, feel entitled to be our private moral authority.

Teachers have become victims of this subjectivity, along with their pupils, since this free-for-all has sounded the retreat from teaching and from knowledge itself. Educational orthodoxy holds that the teacher is no longer the key to unlocking the mysteries of the world. Instead, children must discover history or science or maths for themselves. The child's creativity is regarded as the highest good, and rules and facts are falsely portrayed as enemies of that creativity.

Many primary teachers don't understand how children learn to read, or that the great majority can do so quite quickly, regardless of their social circumstances, provided they are taught properly. They don't know this because teacher training colleges give them a thinly veiled ideology designed to transfer "power" from teacher to pupil. Educational texts aimed at teachers of initial reading contain mind-bending redefinitions of reading itself. Guessing the rough meaning of words through picture clues or by memorising words from having stories read over and over again is considered "readerly behaviour". Errors aren't corrected, and actual reading ability measurable by tests is dismissed as merely reading "decontextualised print" — which most people would take to be what reading actually is.

The belief that teaching any rules at all is "Gradgrindism" has meant that many children aren't taught the structure of language or the immutable certainties of mathematics. The result is that professors report that students with record numbers of A grades at A-level are unable to cope with degree work and have to join remedial classes to learn what once would have been taught to 12-year-olds.

Accuracy and correctness, which are also essential to morality, lie in ruins in mainstream educational thinking. Some French GCSE courses, for example, now assume that children need not be taught word-endings, because the aim is merely for them to get the gist. They are expected to pick up grammar by osmosis, just as small children are supposed to learn to read. At the root of all this is a dismaying confusion of roles. Expecting children to make their own way without adequate educational maps is to treat them as premature adults.

Destructive processes are also at work in the family, where rules, structures and boundaries are dissolving in the face of the relentless march of adults' and children's "rights". As children are given adult responsibilities, adults are infantilised. The permanent commitment and care inherent in parental duty have become conditional upon adult "rights" to sexual gratification and personal fulfilment, which have contributed to the fracture of the two-parent family. Parental authority has been undermined by the inappropriate doctrine of children's autonomy, which has made punishment taboo and discipline a dirty word. So at home and at school, the narrative which anchors children in time and place, and against which they can securely define themselves, has fragmented. Is it surprising, then, that more and more children seek attention through outrageous or criminal behaviour, and suffer increasing rates of depression, eating disorders, educational under-achievement and other signs of confusion and distress?

This betrayal of children has been brought about largely by the self-regarding elites which, despite much pious posturing, display precious little understanding of the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. Leading educationalists who have built their careers on quackery now seek, together with sneering metropolitans and other eminent custodians of the culture, to shut down the argument by denying the evidence of educational, family and moral collapse. So in a further flight from reason and objectivity, the testimony of teachers, examiners, inspectors, university professors, education psychologists, parents and pupils in my book is dismissed as invention or caricature.

The situation is both dangerous and hopeful. The danger is that this political and moral vacuum is vulnerable to demagoguery, and so threatens liberal democracy itself. The hope arises from the anger being expressed by ordinary people, which may give rise to a new politics that will reassert true liberal values.

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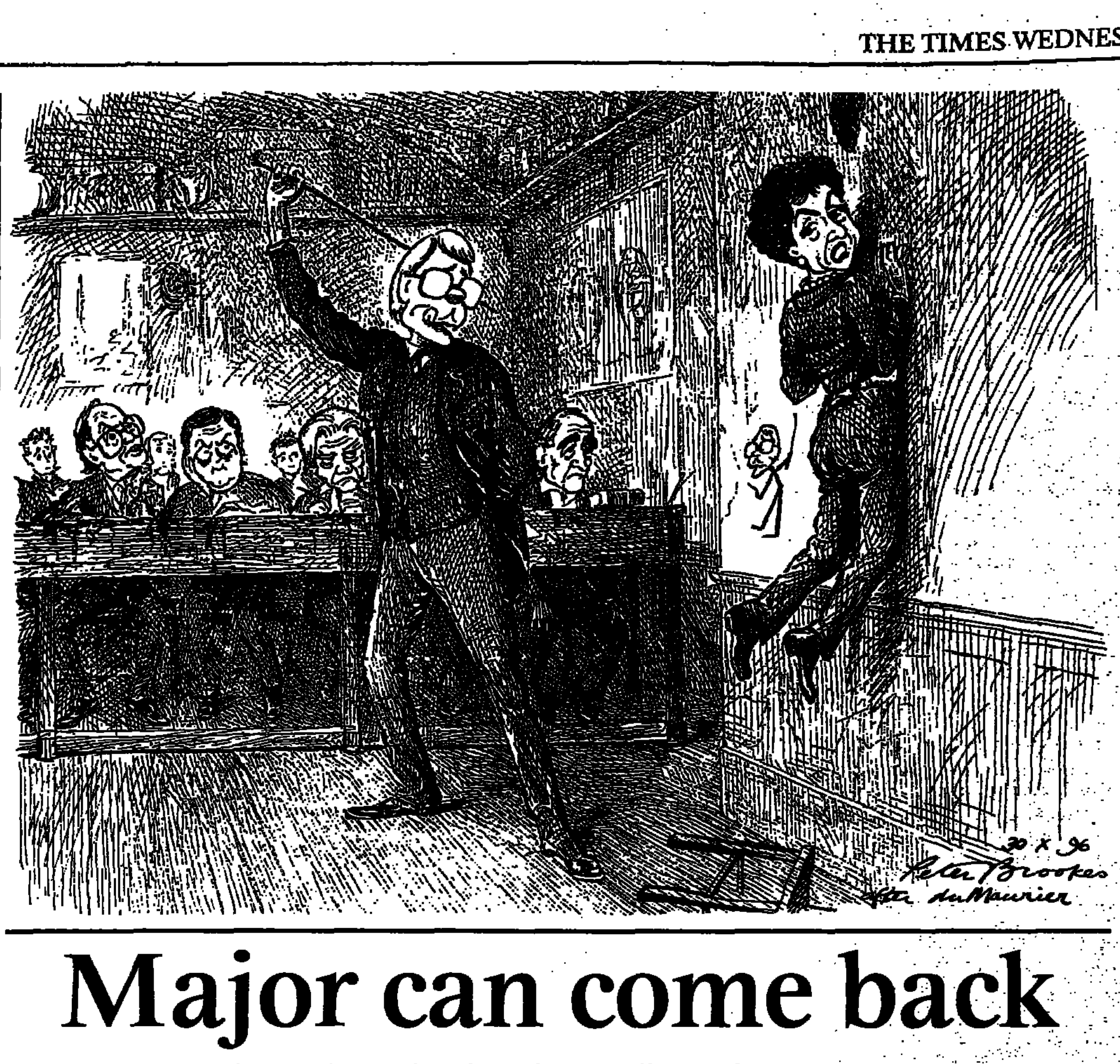

Major can come back

The Tories should copy Clinton: forget morality and stick to the economy

Simon Jenkins

When I was in Washington two years ago, Bill Clinton was the most unpopular President in modern history. His approval rating had sunk below 40 per cent. He was mired in sexual and financial sleaze. White House staff dealt in four-letter words. The Republicans had won control of both houses of Congress. Commentators declared that America was returning to the pre-New Deal era. Newt Gingrich was tipped for President. Not one analyst gave Clinton a chance of re-election in 1996.

I was duly convinced that Mr Clinton could not fail. He could not fail because the Republican Congress would not deliver on its half-baked programme and because the budget deficit would ensure an economic boom in time for the 1996 campaign. So it has proved. Washington last week was suffering total amnesia about 1994. Mr Gingrich is nowhere to be seen. The economy is in excellent shape and Mr Clinton is about to be re-elected.

Now take a deep breath and return to Britain. Ministers gather each morning in Downing Street like an exhausted repertory troupe, poring over their press notices and wailing at the unfairness of it all. They ask focus groups and Fleet Street editors what they can do to be saved. Should Gillian Shephard stage a mass flogging of every child in the land? Would that do? Should a gibbet be erected in Whitehall for the ritual hanging of single mothers, probation officers, school urchins and handgun owners? There must be *some* votes in that. Can this ensemble really do a Clinton and win next April?

Of course they can. In a two-horse race the favourite can always stumble. In a democracy there are, as Lady Thatcher said, no final victories. Nor are there final defeats. The only question asked of clients by enterprise gurus is: do you sincerely want to win? The present Cabinet appears to have given up. Many of its members are fighting a post-election leadership contest, which is a wholly different struggle.

Let us return to the Clinton renaissance. His mid-term standing two years ago seemed desperate — but only seemed so. Analysts misread the President's disapproval rating as reflecting a seismic shift in the political character of America. Yet the Democrats scored exactly the same proportion of the poll in those congressional elections (43 per cent) as they did when Mr Clinton was elected in 1992. The difference in 1992 was that Ross Perot divided the anti-Clinton vote. By the same token, though Mr Clinton's approval rating is now back up to 60 per cent, I still believe he may not win the landslide suggested by the polls. With polls wildly variable, even pollsters are hedging their bets with talk of a 10-point margin of error.

The moral of the story is the old one, that polls can seriously damage your analysis. Back in Britain, the Conservatives appear to be in Mr Clinton's bind of two years ago. As yet, the usual "recovery" as an election approaches has not occurred. There is some evidence of Labour's 20-30 point lead narrowing, but the Tory poll share is not rising. The change lies mainly in the rise in Liberal Democrat fortunes. Even the deepest sceptic of the hypothetical election question — such as myself — must find this a yawning gap.

Nor is there much comfort in that favourite of the pundits, the feel-good factor. The precursor to a Tory electoral recovery is usually rising public confidence in the economy. MORI's trend line on this is consistent through the pre-election booms of 1983 and 1987. Britain's economic showing is, as Kenneth Clarke robotically puts it, "a good news story". The electorate is beginning to agree. Economic optimism has been rising since the start of 1995 and the onset of "Cool Britannia". Yet the optimism refuses to leach into poll support for the Tories. It is as if the electorate feels rich enough to risk a Labour victory.

So where's the hope for the Tories? Any late swing to them will have to be a swing of meteoric speed. But it is starting. MORI slightly and NOP markedly have the gap closing, as it has always closed before. Tory managers are drawing comfort this week from a private poll from James Capel among former Tory voters. The proportion saying they will stay loyal has risen from a mere 36 per cent in April to 50 per cent now, suggesting that the return of the faithful is under way. Among former Tories, Mr Major's personal rating has improved steadily through the summer.

The base of this recovery is, of course, alarmingly small, a mere 29-34 per cent of each sample. But remember 1992. People lied to pollsters in saying they would vote Labour into office. They pretended not to support what they saw as an unpopular Tory party, and disguised the importance they attached to their wallets in the polling booth. (The economy was in far worse shape then.) Yet the pollsters had Labour back "in the lead" within three months of Mr Major's election victory in 1992. These "invitations to protest", alive with adjustment factors, are deeply suspect. I could as well lop ten points off Labour's current lead to adjust for an "increasing propensity to lie", and give the Tories just ten points to close by polling day.

The biggest obstacle to closing the gap is at present the Tory party itself. Only one campaign tactic should be in the frame: to convert the rise in economic optimism into a fear that Labour will wreck it all. This needs the Tory waverers of 1992 to give greater weight to the economy than polls claim they do at present. The economy and taxation are two issues on which the Tories are still ahead of Labour on competence. If 1992 is any guide, an inclination to vote Tory is a hidden secret for these waverers, shared only with the curtain and the pencil of the polling booth. The secret is fear about money, fear for the purse. Perhaps new Labour cannot handle the economy better than old Labour. Perhaps, whatever Mr Blair says, he will indeed increase taxes. The waverer wavers: perhaps I am not doing too badly and should plump for the devil I know. Let others take a risk, I am for security.

Britain's economy is doing remarkably well at present. Apart from the mini-states, it ranks only after America and Japan for competitiveness (according to the World Economic Forum ranking). The Government seems incapable of getting this onto its political platform. Instead it throws mud at itself. Not a day passes without a government spokesman bellowing that Britain has gone to the dogs under the Tories. Tory Britain is portrayed as morally barren. Its schools seethe with truancy and violence. Hospitals face financial catastrophe. Streets teem with the detritus of welfare failure. Prisons are bursting with criminality. Legislation is rushed through Parliament each week to control some new moral fungus dredged up by the press. And then ministers whinge that the nation refuses to feel good.

This is ludicrous. Tories have always won elections by telling the public "You've never had it so good", not "You've never been so bad". This used to be the party of prosperity and optimism, not the bleak Dotheboy's Hall of today's Department of Education or Home Office, telling Britons each day how awful they have become. On education, Labour leads by three to one. The Tories should shut up about schools. Labour leads the Tories on health by six to one. The Tories should shut up about health. Unemployment and welfare give Labour a five-to-one lead; even on law and order the parties are neck and neck. All these ministers should be gagged and shackled to their desks.

The Government has two sound assets at present. One is the honesty and likeability of the Prime Minister and his deputy, Michael Heseltine. The other is the state of the economy, in the hands of the Cabinet's next best-known personality, Kenneth Clarke. Here is the one remotely plausible core of electoral recovery. Here and nowhere else.

Mr Clinton has rebuilt his popularity this past year on a simple message. The job of government is the prosperity of the people. If you want re-election you must tell them how well they are doing with your help. In America, Democrat strategists have shut down every other issue. Nobody is permitted to mention crime, schools, cities, drugs, welfare. The message is, as always, "the economy, stupid". The British Government seems to choke on this message. Yet it must persuade the same 43 per cent of the electorate who have loyally supported it at the past four elections to do so again. This patently means putting the nation's current economic prosperity at the centre of the political stage, and ending the inane rant from Downing Street about the state of the public's morals.

Of course the Tories can win the election. They will find it very hard. So why make it harder every day?

Alan Coren

How our great leaders could at last start to earn their keep

I was smoking one of Chairman Mao's cigarettes this morning and gazing at John Major's tie, when something flashed upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude, especially for those with 800 words to cobble.

Solitude being what it is, you will immediately appreciate that neither great leader was actually with me, the one being in a mausoleum and in no position to hand his fags round, and the other being in Cabinet and in no position to sit and chew the Cricklewood fat, whatever his accessories: the cigarette was Chairman Mao's only insofar as that was its brand name, as anyone with a smattering of Mandarin could see from the packet, and the Prime Minister was flashing his tie at me only from the illustration to a newspaper article about the increasing prominence of his neckwear, as anyone with a smattering of nattiness could see from the knot.

The packet of Maos had been brought back for me from Peking by a foreign-corresponding friend, together with a couple of those brain-breaking statistics which invariably accompany anything about China — in this case the facts that, as the country's most popular brand, four billion Maos are smoked every day, and that, as a source of profit to the State, which owns the brand, they are worth £6 billion a year. And the reason they are the most popular brand is not down simply to posthumous reverence for the ex-Chairman, but also to the fact that though he himself smoked 60 of them a day, he did not become ex until he was 83.

How could all this not focus the inward eye upon the matter of Mr Major's smart new knot? For while he may not be held in quite the same gobsmacked reverence as Mao Tse-tung, some 15 million Britons are currently prepared to vote for his continuation as leader, and that is a lot of ties, especially with Christmas coming up.

Were, therefore, the State to found a neckwear factory to pump out an exclusive John Major range of the sort of spots and stripes calculated instantly to commend themselves to the tastes of his followers, might the Exchequer not find itself sitting on a goldmine second only to the lottery as a source of new funding? Never mind first to the lottery as a source of new employment, for what is one Mystic Meg and one Anthea Turner, compared with 500 hand-knitters?

And why stop there? There is a whole governmentful of profit-pregnant eponyms ready to turn loyal cash-registers into a national carillon. Tell me that there is no market for Heseltine Haircare Products or Portillo For Him male fragrances, and I will reply that you have as scant a grasp of Toridolatry as if you had said that Sir Nicholas Scott could not shift as many cases of Auld Nick Quick-Action Single Malt as the national distillery could turn out, or that a range of Ginny Bottomley lingerie would not drive Janet Reger and La Perla into Carey Street, or that a chain of Colonel Soames Kentucky Fried Whole Roast Oxen would not take the nation by storm, or that packets of Mellors would not change the weekend habits of millions.

Nor is it, surely, too late, even now, to bring dewy-eyed millions rushing to handbag counters to snap up Really Big Thatchers, designed not merely to propagandise the new national need to carry fat wads of enterprise proceeds, but also the need to protect these against enemies of law and order who might fancy their mugging chances, only to be laid out cold with a single nostalgic swing.

You will say fine, what a wonderful idea, once again he has stepped into the national breach and saved its bacon, but is there no piece of this visionary action for our great Chancellor of the Exchequer? But of course there is. Because what will this extraordinary generation of unexpected governmental income bring as a further inestimable boon if not the literally golden opportunity for him to introduce those precious votemongering tax-cuts to which he has hitherto been unwilling to commit himself?

To say nothing of a fair few bob from Kennikin Little Cheroots.

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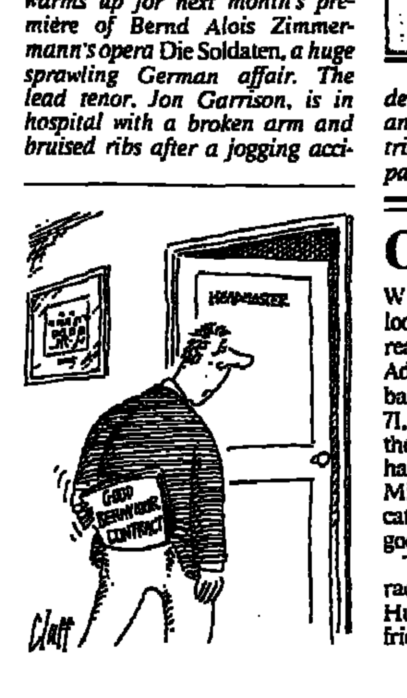
Labour blues

MATTHEW HARDING'S contribution to the Labour Party was not limited to swelling its coffers, it has emerged. The Guinness-drinking vice-chairman of Chelsea FC had been advising Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, on the financial aspects of Labour's manifesto. His death robs the party of one of its best links with the City and in particular, the complex insurance market.

Recent months have seen some aggressive courting of the City by both Brown and his deputy, Alistair Darling. Harding, who had given £600,000 of his promised £1 million to the Labour Party by the time he died last week, met Brown more than once to discuss City policy. When he found time to tear himself away from Stamford Bridge, he was a regular at Tony Blair's dining table.

"He was a useful point of reference in the City," was all Mr Blair's office would say yesterday. Others, however, were more forthcoming on the man who is mourned as much in the City as on the terraces: "Matthew provided Labour with a link with the City," said one pinstripe. "But more than that, he lent the party credibility where it needs it most."

● *Bad news for the ENO as it warms up for next month's première of Bernd Alois Zimmermann's opera* Die Soldaten, *a huge sprawling German affair. The lead tenor, Jon Garrison, is in hospital with a broken arm and bruised ribs after a jogging accident. Breathing is difficult for him, and long passages are proving a trial.* Die Soldaten *is full of long passages.*



Of opportunity

WITH the presidential election looming in America, there is already talk of likely successors to Admiral William Crowe as Ambassador to London. Crowe, now 71, is expected to retire soon after the election. In recent weeks he has had both the Queen and the Prime Minister round for dinner, an indication that he may be saying his goodbyes.

The most colourful entrant in the race to succeed him is Swanee Hunt, a Texan oil heiress and friend of Hillary Clinton, whose family have a large stake in the Lanesborough Hotel in London.

Some lessons in diplomatic subtlety, however, may be in order for Mrs Hunt. On a recent visit to New Delhi, which comes after London on her hitlist, she was seen measuring the windows at the American Embassy for curtains.

Agent Ashley

OUT OF retirement on behalf of new Labour comes a stalwart of the old school, Sir Ashley Bramall, now aged 80 and the ripest election agent around.

A former member of the Greater London Council, Sir Ashley has been a signed-up Labour man ever since 1935. Elder brother of Field Marshal Lord Bramall, he is campaigning on behalf of Mrs Mair Garside, 65, who stands as a prospective Labour candidate for Westminster City Council next month. "I'm vintage Labour, really," he says, "but I'm a great supporter of Tony Blair."

Bramall: party loyalty

Half-baked

AMONG the more interesting races for the US Senate is one in Alaska, where the incumbent Republican, Ted Stevens, is being challenged by one Theresa Obermeyer, Democrat.

Mrs Obermeyer, reports the *Congressional Quarterly*, is obsessed with her husband's failure to pass the Alaska bar exam after nearly two dozen attempts. She blames Stevens and follows him to public events where she interrogates him dressed in a prisoner's black-and-white stripes with accompanying ball-and-chain. Stevens has now accused Mrs Obermeyer of stalking him.

Just modelling

● *This week's* Woman's Weekly *magazine carries an interesting feature about how to minimise the risk of having a heart attack* en flagrante, *entitled "Make Sex even Safer". Illustrating the piece is this picture of a mature couple, fully clothed and comfortably entwined. The woman gazing alluringly from the page is none other than Sandra Howard, model, and model wife of the Home Secretary. Sadly, the man nuzzling her neck is not her husband.*

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PLAYING WITH FIREWORKS

Morality in politics has to be handled with care

Since Frances Lawrence launched her manifesto for an ethical renaissance in this newspaper, ministers and shadow ministers have jostled each other for a place in her limelight. Their attempts to have her moral rectitude reflected on them have been alternately opportunistic and clumsy. Yesterday saw an example that was both at once.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, appearing on Radio 4's *Today* programme, seemed to support the idea of corporal punishment being reintroduced in schools. She was trying both to clothe herself in this week's modish moral garments, while simultaneously stealing headlines from her shadow, David Blunkett, who was launching his party's policy on home-school contracts.

By the end of the morning, though, Mrs Shephard had been publicly slapped down by her own Prime Minister. John Major's spokesman made it quite clear that corporal punishment would not form part of this session's Education Bill; nor would the Government support any backbench amendment to that end. Mrs Shephard had to break off in the middle of a speech to take his call; and was forced to announce in the Commons that she and the Prime Minister were at odds, but that government policy in her own department would diverge from her personal views.

Cynics read the Education Secretary's behaviour as an attempt to make herself popular with the Right, which has been disappointed with her tenure at education. No ambitious Cabinet minister these days can afford to ignore the election after next, at which a new Tory leader will be chosen. But the effect of her actions is to add to the damage that the recent auction of moral promises has done to the Government's reputation.

In the course of a week, ministers have stumbled each time that they have tried to attune policies to the new national mood. On gun control, they were outflanked by Labour. On legislation on stalking and paedophiles, they were forced into an embarrassing U-turn. On combat knives, they had to concede the principle of a ban. On corporal punishment, the about-turn was effected within hours. But the consequences live on. There is no doubt that an amendment will be put to the Education Bill, seeking to bring back the cane. Mrs Shephard will have to oppose it.

The language of morality was until recently an unfamiliar tongue for politicians. It shows. After 17 years of emphasising economic determinism, ministers have grown rusty. Tony Blair has had a little more practice. But even he has fallen foul of the law that says that moral pronouncements gather a momentum of their own. Having spoken of his opposition to abortion, he is now under fire for voting against his personal views, and for not changing his party's policy on the issue.

As we argued yesterday, morality has its rightful place in the political discourse. But it has to be handled delicately. Mr Major discovered when he embarked upon his "back to basics" philosophy that ethical crusades can all too easily rebound on the politicians who launch them. They tend to have ramifications well beyond their progenitors' original intentions.

That is why they should not be made up on the hoof, as Mrs Shephard seemed to be doing yesterday. Moral matters deserve lengthy consideration, rather than exploitation for instant political gain by politicians of either side seeking to trump their opponents. Like playing with fireworks, introducing the language of morality to politics can be dangerous; unless handled with care, it has a habit of blowing up in the politician's face.

TARNISHED GOLD

Victims of the Nazis have had to wait too long for restitution

It seems barely credible that it has taken more than 50 years to compensate countries for the looting they suffered at the hands of the Nazis. Yesterday, however, the way was finally opened for Britain and America to transfer to ten claimant governments 5,100 kilograms of gold held in the Bank of England and 2,100 kilograms held in the Federal Reserve Bank. A settlement was reached in London with Albania, under which Tirana will pay compensation for the loss of two British destroyers sunk off the Albanian coast in 1946, and Britain will pay Tirana the residue of the gold looted by Germany from the Albanian treasury.

This sorry saga should have been brought to an end years ago. The legal wrangling and culpably tardy pace of negotiations are a standing reproach to Britain and the claimant governments. They have added to the frustration not only of the claimant governments but of thousands of Jewish families who have been told they cannot lodge individual claims in London but must wait until the money has returned to their home countries.

Public awareness of this lingering injustice was raised during the summer by the controversy over the separate but related question of the gold purchased from the Nazis by Switzerland. The World Jewish Restitution Organisation has pointed out that both the bullion recovered from Germany and held in Britain, as well as the ingots bought by Swiss banks, probably contained large amounts of gold looted from Jewish families, melted down and stamped by the Germans with a false prewar date. The organisation is therefore asking Britain not to hand over the gold directly to the ten governments, but to pay it instead to charities that will compensate Jewish families who suffered death and loss during the Holocaust.

Britain is sympathetic to this request. It is extremely unlikely, for example, that a country such as Yugoslavia, due to receive a share of the gold, will now accede to claims by Jews in Belgrade; the money instead will almost certainly be diverted to pay for the huge debts incurred by sanctions and the war in Bosnia. However, there is little that Britain can do: it is not British gold, and binding agreements have long been reached on its return.

The demand for restitution is a strong one, however, and is at the heart of two other related issues that have outraged world opinion. The first is the issue of the gold that Switzerland still holds. The Berne Government was so stung by the furore, especially in Britain and America, that it appointed a special investigating commission. This will now start work in January, earlier than envisaged, by bypassing the need for a referendum. Swiss indignation may turn to embarrassment, however, if the investigators find more evidence similar to the deal Switzerland now admits it made with Poland over Jewish claims.

The second issue does not concern gold, but art looted from Austrian Jews. Only now has Austria made any real effort to trace the owners or sell masterpieces stored for years in museums and a monastery. The record bids at yesterday's auction indicate a guilty conscience that Austria has done too little to acknowledge complicity in Hitler's war machine or to compensate its victims. For many victims, the money yielded in all three cases is too late. Restitution is impossible for monstrous crimes; but compensation, if long overdue, is a moral obligation that has been left unpaid far too long.

CARS FOR COUPLETS

If you can meet with a Triumph or a Lanchester . . .

The man who offered Kipling a car in return for a mention in one of his works knew his poets. As our Arts Correspondent reports on page 8, paper-bags discovered in a drawer contain a hoard of Kipling papers. One offers Kipling a new Lanchester if he will immortalise the writer in print. The writer spells the name of the car wrong. But he recognises an old truth: *vita brevis, ars longa*. Any Viva now needs an MoT certificate, but Art lasts longer.

He also knew his man. In his short stories, Kipling was the first poet of the internal combustion engine. Before the M23 ran with tailbacks to Brighton, Kipling celebrated the joys of the open road. He started a genre of adventures with motoring which was later imitated by such successors at the wheel and gear-lever as Dornford Yates and Ian Fleming. Kipling refused the car, not because he disapproved of the bribe, but because he had only just got used to his present car.

Verse for perks is as old as poetry itself. Even poets must eat, and in this century they also like to drive a car. Since the beginning of poetry, it has been the privilege of the wealthy man to support the versifying man. Horace was given his Sabine farm as a bung from the new regime, and he made his patrons immortal in verses that few find fulsome. And even from the comfort of his new estate, Horace recognised that his masters had got a bargain. A good poem is a memorial that lasts even longer than a Rolls-Royce. Brave heroes lived before Agamemnon. But nobody remembers them because they did not have a poet to pay for a mention.

Like all artists, Kipling drew on real people for his fictions. Where else than on the road can an artist find out what makes people or engines tick? Identifying the subtextual influences for such characters as Stalky and M'Turk is a literary industry. And Renaissance artists painted their patrons into their triptychs beside the saints. From Pope to Betjeman, writers have used verse to puff friends and hiss enemies.

So there is nothing unusual or improper in attempting to buy immortality from an artist. That trade-off has always been part of the arts market-place. In an age in which belief in physical immortality has dwindled, the lust for having one's name famous even for 15 minutes has spread from phone-ins to footballers' shirts.

A poem lasts longer than an election poster. But it needs to be by a poet as good on his day as Kipling. Perhaps his correspondent just did not offer a big enough sop. He should have tempted the car-crazy poet with a grander motor, if they came grander than Lanchesters. His attempt may not have been wasted. His letter will now earn somebody enough to buy at least a second-hand car. And for the attention of the Kipling industry, it might have influenced the poet when he was composing what has recently been voted the most popular poem in English. *If all cars count with you, but none too much.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Church appeal for action on Zaire

From the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council

Sir, No one needs to be reminded of the tragedy which befell Rwanda two years ago. Few will forget the scenes which filled our television screens in April and May of 1994.

At that time, the international community, including the Churches, stood accused of failing to take decisive action as those terrible events unfolded.

Today, we stand on the verge of renewed disaster in the region. New violence flares in Zaire, and more people are dying every day. It threatens to draw in not only the Rwandan refugees living in Zaire, but also the Rwandan Government and Army. It is unlikely that the Government of Burundi would stand aside, and Tanzania and Uganda would undoubtedly be affected by any international conflict in the region.

The world cannot stand by and watch again. No one wishes to interfere in the internal affairs of independent nations, but the people of that war-weary region of Central Africa can surely bear no more.

We appeal to the governments of the nations concerned to step back from the chasm of war. We urge leaders in other parts of the continent to exert influence upon their colleagues to bring the killings to an end. We call on all member states of the United Nations to take whatever steps are needed to save this desperate situation, and we fully support the call by the UN for an international conference to address the underlying needs of the region.

We give an assurance that our Churches will do all in their power to support efforts for peace and justice.

Yours faithfully,
†GEORGE CANTUAR,
KATHLEEN RICHARDSON,
As from Lambeth Palace, SE1.
October 29.

Children at risk

From Ms Amanda Grant

Sir, The plight of the baby boy tortured and abused by his father until death came as "a merciful release" (report, October 24) haunts me: surely we can find some way to protect helpless children from such cruelty.

When I left hospital with my newborn son last summer I was visited daily for ten days by my midwife, then weekly for four weeks by my health visitor. The baby was undressed and weighed each time. It was then up to me to take the baby to a clinic for regular weigh-ins, and I found it convenient to go every month or so, so that his progress could be regularly plotted on the weight charts.

Could these checkups not be made compulsory for the first few years of a child's life? A reminder could be sent to the parent of a child that has not attended a clinic recently and, if necessary, the child could be visited at home. A lack of co-operation by the parents could be taken as an indication that all was not well.

Yours faithfully,
AMANDA GRANT,
1 Greenfield Cottage,
Bentley, Farnham, Surrey.
October 24.

Banning handguns

From Mr Martin Pawley

Sir, The ordeal of Lord and Lady McGowan (report, October 28) casts an interesting light on the impending legislation to ban handguns. For centuries a pistol was regarded as a weapon of defence and was unlicensed. Now we are in the process of creating a society in which it will be illegal to own one.

Terrorists, criminals and the police will be armed to the teeth, and only law-abiding citizens in their own homes will be defenceless.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN PAWLEY,
Church Wing, The Old Rectory,
Somerton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.
October 28.

'Savage' Hillaby

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, John Hillaby, whose obituary you publish today, was first and foremost a naturalist. He once received a letter from Harvard informing him that that university had adopted one of his early works as a textbook. A degree was enclosed, and Hillaby demonstrated his foresight by using it to buy life membership of the London Library and the Savage Club.

Hillaby was a true Savage, walking regularly from Hampstead to the club — and eventually home again. He would, when asked, demonstrate his walking ability by leaning forward at the angle made famous by M Hulot — "halves the effort" he would explain. He always spoke as he wrote, good English prose.

Yours truly,
BERNARD KAUKAS,
Savage Club, 1 Whitehall Place, SW1.
October 21.

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Breaking the cycle of drug misuse

From Dr G. J. Cresswell

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("The opium of America", October 24) is quite right to draw attention to the irrationality of anti-drugs legislation but he also stops short of the unthinkable.

Drug-peddling is enormously profitable because the addictive substances (opiates and, to a lesser extent, cocaine and amphetamines and their derivatives) have scarcity value driven by their illegality and because they are, by their very nature, self-marketing, once addiction can be established. These characteristics together provide the drive to addict the young.

The only way to interrupt this cycle is to drop the street price of addictive drugs to virtually nothing. This would at a stroke eliminate the profit potential and simultaneously the drive to addict the vulnerable. Drugs could be provided by the State, free of charge or for the equivalent of a prescription charge.

Provided that the user is willing to accept appropriate counselling, the drugs could be provided in whatever quantities he might require. I have no doubt that the cost of provision, counselling and administration would be covered by the savings consequent on the associated reduction in crime and that after a short bonanza drug use would drop to manageable levels.

Yours faithfully,
G. J. CRESSWELL,
Ann Cottage,
Kilmeston, Alresford, Hampshire.
October 25.

From Mr Derek Forrest

Sir, Random drug-testing in prisons is said to cost at least twice as much as a drug-reduction and rehabilitation programme (report, October 25).

We randomly test prisoners in Lancashire but not at weekends. I have been told by prisoners that cannabis remains in the blood for 14 days, heroin only four, so if a prisoner goes on a heroin trip on Friday evening he would be at risk of discovery only on Monday.

Heroin use would thus tend to increase and cannabis use (which prison officials have told me that, in the absence of complete exclusion of drugs, they favour for its calming effect) to diminish.

The net effect, as I see it, is that prisons will discharge more and more heroin addicts who have only one way of supporting their £60-a-day habit: crime.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK FORREST,
Solicitor Direct,
Leyland House, Lancashire
Enterprises Business Park,
Centurion Way, Leyland, Lancashire.

From Dr Dorothy E. Speed

Sir, I suggest that money spent on costly drug tests would be better used in preventing drugs coming into prisons in the first place. It is irresponsible to use public money on random tests, while continuing to allow such easy access of drugs to prisoners. Better searches of visitors and treating open visits as an earned privilege, rather than a right, would go a long way to cut down the present easy transfer of drugs into prisons.

To cut off the supply of drugs to prisoners would not only make drug rehabilitation schemes more meaningful but would save money. Prisoners whose use of drugs is detected lose remission. Penalties range from two to four weeks at circa £460 a week.

Yours truly,
D. E. SPEED,
20 Winchester Street, SW1.
October 26.

Courts' use of custodial sentences

From Mr C. J. Livesley

Sir, To my mind Libby Purves's account of prisons "clogged with fine-defaulters and shoplifters" ("Prisoners of stupidity", October 22) was misleading. Every effort is made by the criminal courts to employ appropriate non-custodial sentences: the fine rather than prison is by far the most commonly used punishment and is very successful.

However, experience clearly shows that prison is the only practical and effective method of enforcement against the minority who will not pay. As a sentence, prison is reserved for the serious and/or repeat offender. It is wholly exceptional for magistrates to send "shoplifters" to prison.

We must not allow the shortcomings of the prison regime to justify an enforced reduction in the necessary use of prison by the courts. Victims need respite and examples must be made. In the final analysis, only prison protects us from those who refuse to see and respond to reason.

It is quite wrong to urge, as your sub-heading did, that "custodial sentences must become a last resort". They have been for a long, long time.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LIVESLEY
(Justices' Clerk),
South Tyneside Magistrate's Court,
Campbell Park Road,
Hebburn, Tyne and Wear.

From Mr Charles Scott

Sir, As a member of the South Tyneside duty solicitor scheme I regularly attend to and advise people who are arrested by a warrants officer and brought before the court for non-payment of fines. It has become increasingly obvious that a substantial number of single mothers are being arrested in connection with non-payment of television licence fines.

A typical case, of which I have had several over the last week, will involve a mother of three or four children who is arrested and brought before the court having been detained in the police cells. The amounts of arrears can very often be as little as £10.

Whilst the magistrates show great sympathy and compassion to these cases they are nevertheless disturbing to deal with.

Might I suggest that the Government deals with this problem by allowing women who are in receipt of income support to have free television licences and to rid the criminal courts of the onerous task of dealing with this humiliating and unnecessary fiasco.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES SCOTT,
Ward Hadaway (solicitors),
Town Hall Chambers,
7 Beach Road,
South Shields, Tyne and Wear.
October 22.

Parliamentary reform

From Mr Graeme Woolaston

Sir, Peter Riddell's article on reform of the Commons (October 21) did not consider the impact of the proposed Scottish devolution proposals, which would have the effect of converting the Commons into a federal chamber for Scotland but the unitary parliament for England and Wales. It is difficult, to say the least, to see how such a bizarre hybrid could function satisfactorily for very long.

Many readers will agree with Peter Riddell that the Commons is too large, but spare a thought for us Scots who are liable to find ourselves with a Scottish parliament with an additional 142 politicians only too willing to legislate for five million people. A similar parliament for England would, pro rata, have 1,350 members for approximately 47.5 million.

Yours faithfully,
GRAEME WOOLASTON,
10 Uist Crescent, Stepps, Glasgow.
October 21.

From Mr Richard A. Edwards

Sir, At the end of every Parliament each administration engages in an undignified scramble to place its Bills on the statute book. As events of recent days illustrate the Major administration is no exception.

Inevitably, important Bills are lost when Parliament expires, while others are not brought forward simply because there is no parliamentary time. Poor and inadequate legislation is the consequence.

In New Zealand, by contrast, the House of Representatives may resolve that any Bill or business before it be carried over into the next session, whether of the same Parliament or not (Constitution Act 1986, s20). Consequently Bills in New Zealand do not lapse on the dissolution or expiration of Parliament.

Has the time not come for the enactment of a similar provision here?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD A. EDWARDS,
60 Queen's Road, Devizes, Wiltshire.
October 23.

Crossing the floor

From Mr George A. Lansdowne

Sir, Peter Thurman is berated by Mr John Martin (letter, October 21) for his "treachery" towards the party activists who helped him retain his seat. His party can hardly be expected to look kindly on his defection to the Liberal Democrats, but it is typical of party supporters who regard their creed as some kind of religion that they overlook the voters whom the MPs are supposed to represent.

Democracy is a delicate flower that needs all the help it can get. It is tempting to believe that the Conservative Party's treachery towards the electorate was a test of Mr Thurman's conscience.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE LANSDOWNE,
24 Turners Mill Road,
Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Masonic loyalty

From Mr R. E. Floyd

Sir, It is suggested in your report (October 25) that membership of Freemasonry, being a body that demands loyalty of its members, must create a conflict of interest for police officers.

It would be a poor organisation that did not demand some form of loyalty from its membership. However, in the case of Freemasonry the priorities are unambiguous. A Freemason's vows are not to take priority over his civil, moral or religious duties. Accordingly a police officer, like anybody holding public office, need never be compromised by Masonic loyalty.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD FLOYD,
Floyd Harris
(Chartered accountants),
Mitre House, 44/46 Fleet Street, EC4.

Clinical academic doctors spurned

From Professor Sir Keith Peters, FRS, and Professor Frank Harris

Sir, We are deeply concerned by the decision, announced on October 11, of the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) to abandon the pay link between NHS hospital doctors and hospital doctors employed by the universities with medical schools.

This occurs at a time when the future for clinical academic medicine (of whose achievements in the development of patient care, the creation of new specialities and the conduct of clinical research the UK can be justifiably proud) is already threatened.

In 1995 the House of Lords Select Committee on Medical Research recommended to government that an inquiry be set up to study the deteriorating circumstances of academic medicine. In the event the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals established an independent inquiry under the chairmanship of Sir Rex Richards after government's failure to acknowledge that there was indeed a significant problem in recruiting and retaining doctors in academic medicine.

The refusal of the UCEA to meet the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body pay award to clinical academics breaches the principle of parity between the two groups of hospital doctors who work side by side through all grades in the NHS. In major teaching hospitals, the clinical academics may deliver more than 50 per cent of the key acute medical and surgical services to patients.

This now annual battle with the Department for Education and Employment to maintain the principle of pay parity between the NHS and the university doctors occurs in spite of DFEE awareness of the promise made by Sir Keith Joseph in 1986 and is deeply damaging.

The effect of the UCEA decision will be greatest on young academics who are the seed corn for the future of medicine: they will be under pressure to change to service posts that will at best provide only limited opportunities to conduct research. The teaching of medical students and the postgraduate education of doctors must also suffer.

In short, it will not be possible to retain or recruit the best young people to academic medicine. For the sake of saving a relatively small sum (the additional cash required to maintain pay parity is £4.8 million) the DFEE seems prepared to jeopardise the future of an enterprise whose excellence is vital to the NHS.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH PETERS
(Chairman),
FRANK HARRIS
(Executive Secretary),
Council of Deans of UK Medical
Schools and Faculties,
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Sciences Building,
University Road, Leicester.
October 29.

Classic mix-up

From Mr Eric F. Warne

Sir, The item headed "Classic fudge" (Diary, October 23) refers to John Williams, composer of film soundtracks. As Mr Williams also composes other music (he has two symphonies and concertos for violin and for flute to his credit, among other works) I can quite see that he may well be caught in the charts "trap". However, as far as I am aware, he is not renowned as a guitarist.

It would appear that John Williams the composer has been inadvertently amalgamated with John Williams the eminent Australian guitarist. At a time when mergers are prevalent in so many areas of activity the world of music is indeed fortunate to have two leading musicians of the same name using their diverse respective talents for our benefit and delectation.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC WARNE,
The Drey, 71 Lakewood Road,
Chandler's Ford, Hampshire.
October 24.

A broad canvas

From Mr E. W. Lighton

Sir, The comic effects of cut-offs between volumes of encyclopaedias (letters, October 23, 25) is repeated in the page headings of reference works. For example, the *Yellow Pages* of Edmonton (Alberta) telephone district had an entry of "Marriage Counsellors — Martial Arts".

Yours faithfully,
E. W. LIGHTON,
11 Ryebank Avenue, Crewe, Cheshire.
October 25.

Walls of sound

From Mr Robert Vincent

Sir, In Amanda Loose's engaging piece "How to give your house saleability" (October 23) one learns that in this five-storey mid-Victorian house there is a "modern sense of balanced calm".

One wonders quite how this will be sustained now that the owners "have added speakers to every room".

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT VINCENT,
Dilly House,
Wildhern, Andover, Hampshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BOROMABIMAN MANSION
BANGKOK
October 29: The Queen accompanied by Princess Sirindhorn, this morning visited the British Council, Bangkok, and opened the new building.

Her Majesty, with her Royal Highness, afterwards visited Chulalongkorn University and met students and staff.

The Prime Minister of Thailand (Mr Banharn Silpa-Archa) later called upon The Queen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently attended a Luncheon given by the Prime Minister at the Bank of Thailand, Bang Khun Phrom Palace.

Afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness viewed a procession of the Royal Barges on the river.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later viewed a display of partnership between Thai International Airlines and Rolls-Royce plc at Don Muang Airport.

This evening Her Majesty and His Royal Highness watched a Sound and Light performance at the ancient capital, Ayudhya, with The King and Queen of Thailand, and were subsequently entertained to Dinner by Their Majesties at Bang Pa-In Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning opened the new offices of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangkok.

His Royal Highness later visited the Royal Thai Naval Academy.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon received senior Thai businessmen at Boromabiman Mansion.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 29: The Princess Royal, Patron, Spinal Injuries Association, this morning opened the new Williams Grand Prix Engineering Factory at Grove, Wantage, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (Mr Hugo Brunner).

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon launched the Hackney Safer Cities Grants Scheme "Making a Difference in Hackney" at Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, London E8.

The Princess Royal, President, the Rural Housing Trust, this evening attended the John Arlott Rioja Dinner at the Landmark Hotel, Marylebone Road, London NW1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 29: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, this morning presented the Colonel-in-Chief's Trophy to the 1995 and 1996 winners.

His Royal Highness this afternoon departed from Royal Air Force Northolt for Brussels, Belgium.

On arrival, The Prince of Wales visited the ICI Research and Technology Unit, Everberg.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception and Dinner given by the Agricultural Reform Group at the Eurovillage Hotel, Boulevard Charlemagne.

Commander Richard Aylard RN and Miss Sandy Henney are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 29: The Duke of Gloucester this evening attended a reception at the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, London House, Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 29: The Duke of Kent this morning met with the Vice President of the Republic of Srpska, Mr Dragoljub Mirjanic and opened Landeke Bridge Western Bosnia and Herzegovina.

His Royal Highness later visited 22 Engineer Regiment at Divulje Barracks, near Split, Croatia, and met with The Mayor of Split at the Diocletian's Palace.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Basic Skills Agency, will preside at the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) research seminar at Commonwealth House at 10.30; and, as Patron of the British School of Osteopathy, will attend the graduation and prize giving ceremony at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 3.00.

Baron Chadlington

The life barony conferred upon Mr Peter Selwyn Gummer has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Chadlington, of Dean in the County of Oxfordshire.

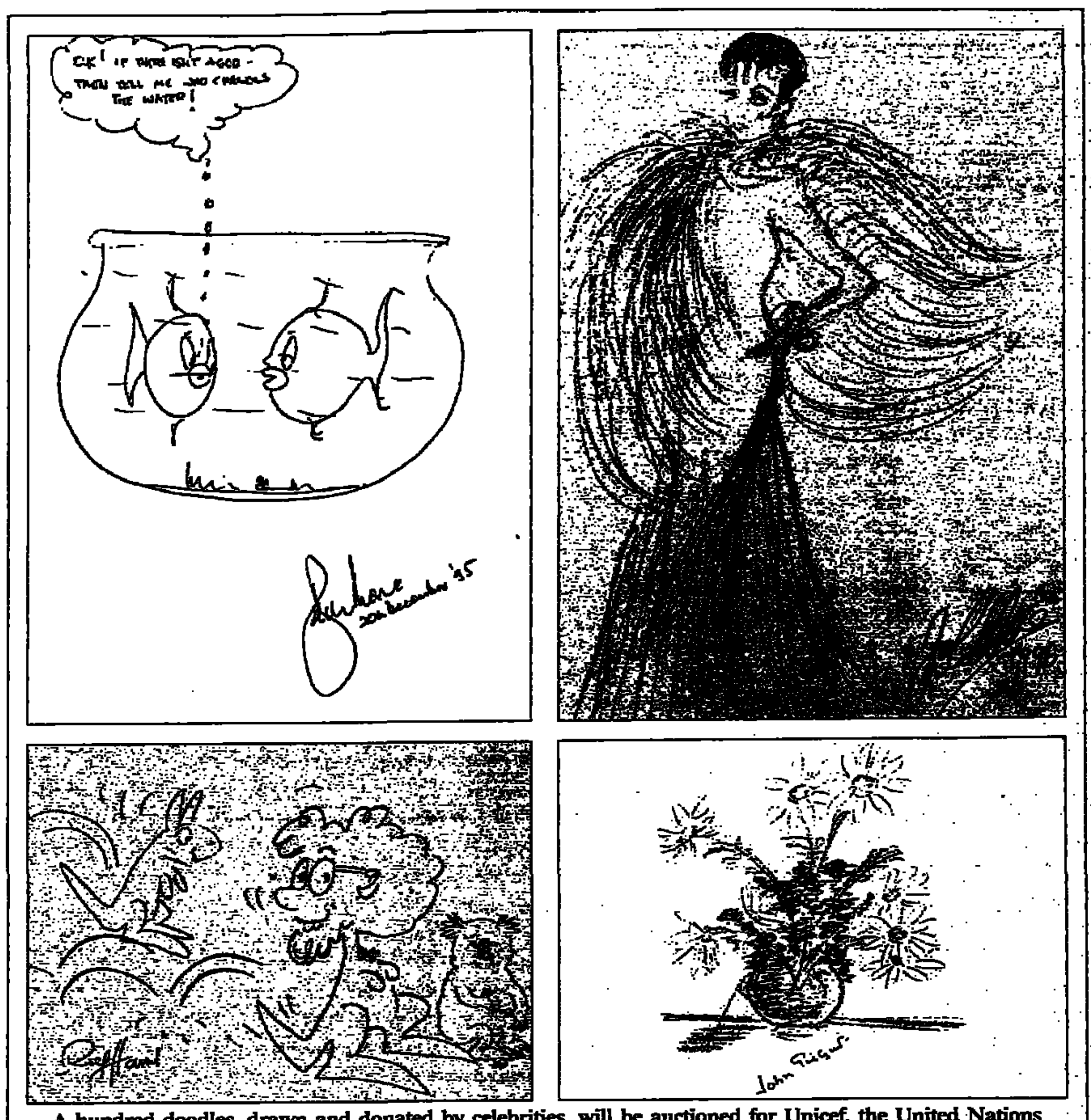
Receptions

The Royal Fine Art Commission
Lord St John of Fawsley was the host at a reception held at 7 St James's Square on Tuesday, October 29, to mark the launch of the Commission's Annual Report by Sir Howard Hodgkin. Among those present were members of the Diplomatic Corps and both Houses of Parliament.

Industrial Tribunals
Mr Geoffrey Heggs, Regional Chairman of the London North region of the Industrial Tribunals, gave a reception last night at Middle Temple Hall for members of the Judiciary, invited guests, chairmen and members of the London North region of the tribunals to mark the retirement of Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC, as chairman of the tribunals.

Birthdays today

Mr Walter Boreham, Chief Constable, Ministry of Defence Police, 56; Sir Charles Brett, former chairman, International Fund for Ireland, 68; Lord Chilver, FRS, 70; Sir Robert Clayton, electrical engineer, 81; Mr Stephen Day, MP, 48; Sir Robert Easton, former chairman, Yarrow Shipbuilders, 74; Sir Christopher Foster, economist, 66; Sir Sydney Giffard, diplomat, 70; Viscount Greenwood, 82; Mr Justice Higgins, 52; Mr J.S. McGregor, former chairman, Honeywell, 69; Lord Robertson, 84; Sir William Shelton, former MP, 67; Miss Juliet Stevenson, actress, 40; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, 59; Admiral Sir Gordon Tait, 75; Sir David Wilson, FBA, former director, British Museum, 65; Mr Michael Winner, film producer and director, 61.


OK! IF THIS ISN'T AGOOD - THEN TELL ME WHO CHANGES THE WATER!

A hundred doodles, drawn and donated by celebrities, will be auctioned for Unicef, the United Nations Children's Fund, tomorrow night at Sotheby's, New Bond Street. The doodles shown here, clockwise from the top left, are by Roger Moore, Joan Collins, Sir John Gielgud and Rolf Harris. Among others whose contributions will be offered for sale are Sir Peter Ustinov, Paddy Ashdown, Emma Thompson, Jack Nicholson, Paloma Picasso and Liam Neeson

Luncheons

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
The Canadian High Commissioner was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Waldorf Meridien. Mr John Bridgeman, vice-president of the chamber, presided. Lord Shaughnessy and the Agents General for British Columbia and Quebec were among those present.

***The Times* Pensioners**
The Hon Hugh Astor was the guest of honour at a luncheon of *The Times* Pensioners held yesterday at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club. Those present were:
Miss Margaret Allen, Mr J D Bishop, Mr George Clark, Mr W M Clarke, Mr Richard Davy, Mr Frank Eggleston, Mr Fred Emery, Mr Peter Evans, Mr W J H Evans, Mr Owen Hickey, Mr E C Hodgkin, Mr Walter James, Miss Enid Knowles, Mr Jack Lonsdale, Mr Iverach McDonald, Mr Leon Pilpel, Mr Dennis Robertshaw, Mr Stanley Robinson, Mr Peter Ryde, Mr Henry Stanhope, Miss Philippa Toomey, Mr Colin Watson, Mr Colin Webb, Mr Richard Wigg, Mr Alan Wood and Mr Geoffrey Woolley.

Newspaper Society
The Newspaper Society gave an Advertising Law Group luncheon yesterday at Bloomsbury House in honour of Mr Nigel Griffiths, Opposition Front Bench Spokesman on Consumer Affairs.

Dinners

Glass Sellers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual ladies' dinner of the Glass Sellers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr John G. Thorpe, Master, presided.

During the evening, the Lord Mayor presented the Glass Sellers' Award (Art and Craft), 1996 to Miss Gail Gill and the Glass Sellers' Student Award (Art and Craft) 1996 to Miss Belinda Hornsey. The Master and Mistress Cutler in Hallamshire were among those present.

Royal College of Physicians of London
Sir William Asscher, President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and Lady Asscher were the hosts at the annual faculty dinner held last night at the college. Dr Alexander Macara, Chairman of Council, British Medical Association, was the guest of honour and speaker.

Earlier, Sir David Jack, FRS, and Sir John Vane, FRS, Nobel Laureate, were awarded honorary fellowships at the annual meeting.

Appointment

Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, has been elected President of the Academy of Experts in succession to Lord Slynn of Hadley.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Adams, 2nd American President 1797-1801, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1735; Richard Brinsley Sheridan, dramatist and politician, Dublin, 1751; Ezra Pound, poet, Hailey, Idaho, 1885; Peter Warlock (Philip Heseltine), composer, London, 1894.

DEATHS: Edmund Cartwright, inventor of the power loom, Hastings, 1823; John Chubb, safe maker, London, 1872; Jean Henri Dunant, founder of the International Red Cross, Heiden, Switzerland, 1910; Andrew Bonar Law, Prime Minister 1922-23, London, 1923; Sir Barnes Wallis, engineer, 1979.

The Yeomen of the Guard was founded by King Henry VII, 1485.

A Fascist government led by Mussolini was formed in Rome, 1922.

Orson Welles' radio production of *The War of the Worlds* caused panic among Americans who believed the story to be true, 1938.

Austin Knight Limited

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Company, the Chairman and Directors of Austin Knight Limited are pleased to host a Reception and Dinner Dance in aid of The British Red Cross at the Dorchester hotel this evening, October 30, 1996.

Keating Lecture

The Right Hon Sir Michael Kerr, former Lord Justice of Appeal, delivered the first Keating Lecture "Concord and Conflict in International Arbitration" at King's College, Strand, on October 29. The lecture was organised by his former Chambers in memory of the late Donald Keating, QC, (1924-1995). Those attending included Lord Goff of Chieveley and other members of the House of Lords Judicial Committee; Lord Justice Saville and other members of the Court of Appeal; Mr Justice Colman, Mr Justice Mance and other members of the Commercial Court; Mr Justice May and Mr Justice Neuberger and other judges of the High Court; and Judges Thornton, Lloyd and other judges of the Official Referees' Division of the High Court.

Heads of Chambers attending included Mr Anthony Butcher, QC, Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC, and Mr Gordon Pollock, QC. Mr John Bishop, Senior Partner Masons, Miss Madeleine May, CBE, LCIA, and many former colleagues, friends and members of Chambers also attended. Mrs Rosamond Keating was accompanied by Mr Giles and Mr Roland Keating. Professor John Uff, QC, head of Keating Chambers, took the chair. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr Martin Collins, QC.

Funeral

Sir Nigel Fisher
The Speaker attended the funeral of Sir Nigel Fisher, former MP, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated. The Rev Roger Holloway, Priest Vicar, and Sir Michael Grylls, MP, stepson-in-law, led the prayers. Mr Crispin Hunt and Mr Rhydian Fisher, grandsons, read the lessons. Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar, Mr Tony Benn, MP, and Mr Mark Fisher, MP, son, paid tribute.

During the service Miss Francesca Hunt and Miss India Fisher, granddaughters, sang *God, that madest earth and heaven*.

Last Post and Reveille was sounded by a bugler of the First Battalion, Welsh Guards. The Chairman of the Conservative Party was represented by Mrs Angela Rumbold, MP. Among others present were:
Mrs Malcolm McKenzie (sister), Mrs Mark Fisher (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs James Fawcett and Mr Brian Mitchell (grandchildren), Lady Grylls (stepdaughter), Brigadier and Mrs Andrew Myrtle (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Miss Emma Myrtle (step granddaughter), Mr and Mrs Gervase Buxton, Mr and Mrs Charles de Sellincourt, Mr James Shakespeare, Mr Matthew Buxton, Miss Caragh Buxton, Mr Andrew de Sleincourt, Mr Christopher de Sellincourt.

The Mayor of Kingston upon Thames, Members of both Houses of Parliament and representatives from the British Caribbean Association, the Falkland Islands Government, the Welsh Guards, CPA, Kingston and Surbiton Conservative Association, Richmond Park Conservative Association, Henderson Crosthwaite, Women Caring Trust, Meadbank Nursing Home, the Bloomsbury Society, other organisation associated with Sir Nigel and many friends.

Church news

Next Archdeacon of West Cumberland
The Rev Alan Davis, Priest-in-charge, St Cuthbert w St Mary, Carlisle, and Diocesan Communications Officer (Carlisle): to be Archdeacon of West Cumberland, same diocese.

Appointments
The Rev Angus Aagaard, Assistant Curate, St Andrew's, Taunton (Bath and Wells): to be Team Vicar, Southampton Team Ministry (Winchester).

The Rev Jeremy Anderson, Evangelism Enabler, Reading Deanery (Oxford): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Epsom (Guildford).

The Rev Bonita Appleton, Assistant Curate, St Paul, Camberley: to be Team Vicar, Southwood, Cove (Guildford).

The Rev Jane Austin, Curate, St Peter and St Paul, Tonbridge (Rochester): to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

The Rev Elizabeth Baxter, part-time Assistant Curate, Topcliffe: to be part-time Assistant Curate, Thirsk Team Ministry, and continue as Co-Director of the North of England Healing Trust, Holy Rood House, Sowerby (York).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Dennis Lumb, Vicar, Saltfleetby, Skidbrooke w Saltfleet Haven, Theddlethorpe (Lincoln): to retire October 31.

The Rev John Pilkington, Vicar, Darlington St Mark w St Paul (Durham): to retire March 15, 1997.

The Rev Allan Ricketts, Rector, St Mary, Linton, St John the Baptist, Upton Bishop, and St John the Baptist, Aston Ingham (Hereford): to resign in November.

The Rev Ian Slater, Rector, Bassingham; Aubourn w Haddington, Carlton-le-Moorland w Stapleford, Thurlby w Norton Disney (Lincoln): retired October 1.

The Rev Thomas Taylor, Vicar, Walton-le-Dale w Salmesbury, Preston (Blackburn): to resign October 31.

Canon Ralph Wheaton, Vicar, Blyth and Scofton w Osberton (Southwell): to retire October 31.

The Rev Arthur Whittaker, Vicar, St Hilda, Bilsborrow, Preston (Blackburn): to retire October 31.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.P. Almeida and Miss K.M. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs John Almeida, of Dulwich, London, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Thomas, of Paignton, Devon.

Mr I.J. Clarke and Miss C.R. Matthews
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs John Clarke, of Seaview, Isle of Wight, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Matthews, of Boraston, Shropshire.

Mr S.M. Clarke and Miss M.S. Hoey
The engagement is announced between Matthew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Clarke, of Gatcombe Court, Somerset, and Melissa, younger daughter of Dr Mariana Goulandris, of Yarcombe, Devon, and Mr James Hoey, of Gozo, Malta.

Mr A.J.L. Hunter and Miss L.I. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Major and Mrs Logan Hunter, of Brockweir, Chepstow, and Louisa, younger daughter of Mr Richard Campbell-Jackson, of Battersea, London, and Mrs Tim Herbert, of Corwen, Denbighshire.

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The engagement is announced between Gregory, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Jones, of Barnehurst, Kent, and Rosali, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephan Pretorius, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

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The engagement is announced between Roger Mark Uvedale, younger son of Mr and Mrs Henry Lambert, of Lowton Manor, Taunton, Somerset, and Serena del Punta, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Kelley, of Sloane Street, London, SW1.

Mr M.P. Silcock and Miss K.J. Hancock
The engagement is announced between Michael, third son of Mr and Mrs John Silcock, of Reigate, Surrey, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Hancock, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

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The engagement is announced between Christian John, son of Peter Ward, of Stanmore, and Carol Ward, of Uxbridge, and Deborah Ann, daughter of Joseph Holden, of Liverpool, and Irean Edwards, of Flint, North Wales.

Marriage

Mr R.J. Symes and Miss S.L. Pooley
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 19, in Shropshire, between Rupert Symes and Sarah Pooley. The couple will be living in San Francisco from the beginning of 1997.

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BIRTHS

BAMFORD - On 18th October, to Lucy and Richard, a daughter, Henrietta Mary.

BENNETT - To Sally (née Wagner) and David on 25th October, a much longed for daughter, granddaughter, niece and cousin, Georgia Olivia, 2lbs 1oz and perfect. Always remembering Claudia.

BIRCH - On October 27th 1996, to Anna (née Blagden) and Toby, a son, George Henry Blagden, a brother for Sophie and Harriet.

DOYLE - On October 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Susan and Gavin, a beautiful daughter, Louisa, a sister for Katharine.

FORBES - On October 25th 1996, to Sacha (née Denison-Pender) and Jonathan, a son, Jack.

GIRLING - On October 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Evelina (née Capomolla) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Isabella.

HOROZOV - On October 27th 1996 at The Portland Hospital in London to Tzvetelina (née Belinska) and Gueorgui, a son, Nikolai.

HOWLETT - On October 19th, to Annette (née Hunter) and Nigel, a daughter, Catherine Isabelle, a sister for Alicia.

JACOBS - Sam Curtis on 26th October at The Portland Hospital, a beautiful brother for Jake and another wonderful son for his parents Leigh and Jeremy.

LESCHALLAS - On October 23rd, to Emma (née Huxtable) and William, a son, Archie William Pigé.

MALIN - On 25th October at The Portland Hospital to Mark and Rina our third son Arthur James, brother to Andrew Scott and M.Charles.

PICKUP - On October 24th 1996 at Sharoe Green Hospital, to Lesley (née Froggatt) and Graham, a daughter, Sophie Jane, a sister for Victoria Amanda.

ROBSON - To Rupert and Lucy (née Howe) a baby boy, Alexander Colin Wynne, on 5th October 1996, a beautiful brother for Imogen.

SAWKINS - On October 23rd 1996, to Helen (née Boyd) and Andrew, a daughter, Olivia Alice, a sister for Isabel.

BIRTHS

STALKER - In The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, on October 24th 1996, to Anthony and Patsy (née Watters), a daughter, Sasha Louise, a sister for Sophie.

THOMPSON - On October 28th 1996, to Kay (née Redmayne) and Andrew, a son, Jake Alexander.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HUNT - (Frank). Shirley, Kary, Bill and Lucy, wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues and associates, for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and letters of condolence and floral tributes received at this very sad time. Our heartfelt thanks are also extended to the Doctors and Staff at Clitheroe Community Hospital for their care and support, and also to the Doctors and Staff at The East Lancashire Hospice for the love, care and support given to Frank and ourselves over the past days. Special thanks also to Rev. J. Hartley for his kind words, prayers and comforting ministrations, and to all who attended the funeral service.

DEATHS

BAILEY - Rev. Percy Francis at St Helier's Hospital, Carshalton, on October 21st aged 86 years. May he rest in peace.

CARRICK SMITH - Lindsey Eleanor peacefully at home on Saturday 26th October. Widow of Alan, mother of Emma and grandmother to Edward and Rupert. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Fingringhoe Church on Thursday November 7th at 11 am. No flowers at her request but donations if desired to Pegasus Bed Fund c/o Hunnaball Funeral Services, 41 Mersea Road, Colchester, Essex.

CHRISTIE - Alice Seaton peacefully on October 28th in Harrogate General Hospital aged 87 years, wife of the late William, dearly loved mother of Robin and Rosalind. Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, on Friday November 1st at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Cancer Research, 39 East Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5LQ.

DEATHS

CORNELIUS-REID - On October 28th peacefully at his home in Cholderton John. Dear husband of Mary and very dear Dad to Ru, David and Nems. Funeral Service at Amesbury Abbey Church on Friday November 1st at 2pm.

DREW - On October 26th, 1996, peacefully at home, Beatrice Susannah aged 90 years, of Rous Lench, Worcs. Enquiries regarding funeral arrangements to Philip Tomlins. Tel: (01386) 765133.

EVELEIGH - On October 24th, O.J. "Jim" Eveleigh O.B.E., J.P., aged 87 years of Clyst St Mary, Exeter. Enquiries to Mitchell Funeral Services, tel: (01392) 272-682.

FFORDE - On October 26th tragically in a car accident, Jane (née Hynes), beloved wife of John, dearly loved mother of William, Caroline, Diana and James, and devoted grandmother of nine grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels, Thursley, on Wednesday November 6th at 11.30 am followed by private service at Guildford Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Fund c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY.

GOSS - Mick Goss. In a tragic accident on 22nd October. Dearly loved husband of Janine, devoted father of James and Toby. Loving son of Alastair and Janet and brother of David. Will be sadly missed. Funeral Service at Wilton Parish Church at noon on Friday 1st November. Family and close friends only at Tidworth Military Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Children In Crisis c/o Chris White Funeral Directors, 12 South Street, Wilton, Salisbury.

HARDING - Matthew, aged 42, of Ditchling, Sussex, on October 22nd, tragically in an accident. Loved husband of Ruth and father of Hannah, Luke, Patrick and Joel. Funeral for family and friends only. Memorial service to be announced later.

HANKEY - Peacefully at home on 28th October aged 91, Robert Maurice Alers (Robin) 2nd Baron KCMG, KCVO, beloved husband of Stephanie and much loved father of Juliet, Adele, Donald and Alex; grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral on Saturday 2nd November at 2.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene Church, Cowden, nr. Edenbridge. Family flowers only. Donations in memory if desired, to the Salvation Army c/o S. Smith & Son, 127 Lingfield Road, Edenbridge, Kent. Memorial Service in London to be announced.

HARPER - On 28th October 1996 after a long illness courageously borne, Peter Philip Dudley, devoted husband of the late Joyce, dearly loved and loving father to Vivien and Robert and doting grandfather to Jocasta, Natasha and Tallulah. Service at Christ Church, SW14, on Monday 4th November at 1 pm followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15 at 2.15 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o T.H. Sanders, 447 Upper Richmond Road West, London SW14, tel: (0181) 876-4673.

HARRISON - Peacefully on October 25th 1996 at Brooklands Nursing Home, Saundersfoot, in her 89th year, Elizabeth Vida Harrison. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Wilfred Harrison MBE, MA, FSA, in May 1992 and is survived by her loving children Miranda, Anna and John and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A private funeral service will be held on October 31st. Immediate family flowers only but donations if desired to St Mary's Church, Tenby, c/o Mr D. Worthington, East Harrow, Cresswell Street, Tenby, Pembs.

HIBBERT - On October 25th 1996 peacefully at Thames Bank Nursing Home, Mavis, stalwart mother of Nicki, Toni, Jacki and much loved aunt of Carol and David. Funeral Service will take place at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday 1st November 1996 at 2.20 pm. Family flowers only but donations to Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital may be sent c/o Cyril H. Lovegrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham, Reading, Berks. RG4 0BA.

HARROD - On October 26th unexpectedly in hospital, the Rev'd Victor Ralph, aged 63, retired parish priest, retired director after 30 years of (Gerald) Quin Cope Ltd "He was an expert in international securities and foreign exchange" Beloved husband of Ruth, loved father of Janet, Philip and Elizabeth and proud grandfather of Adam, Kathryn and James. Funeral Service 2.15 pm on Thursday 31st October 1996 at St Nicholas Church, Harwich followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations for his favourite charities may be sent c/o R. Gwinnell & Sons, 24, High Street, Manningtree.

HOAR - Graham, aged 33 tragically in an accident in Peru on October 28th 1996. Beloved son of Ruth and Colin, brother of Susan and Louise, uncle of Heidi and Oliver and brother-in-law of Alan. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, colleagues in the law and all who knew him.

HOCKENHULL - Keith on 27th October at home, Elizabeth, Daniel, Joel and Anna loved him deeply. Au revoir. Service of Thanksgiving West Street Baptist Church, Crewe, next Thursday November 7th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations c/o 12 Sandford Road, Nantwich to International Messianic Jewish Alliance and MRI Leukaemia Research Unit.

HOWELL - Geoffrey (G.A.B.) Howell, grandson of James Howell of Cardiff, died suddenly on October 18th 1996. Funeral Service at St Augustine's Church, Penarth, on Thursday November 7th at 12.15 pm followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Penarth Funeral Directors, Hickman Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan, CF64 2AL.

KELLY - Belinda (née Quinzy), peacefully on October 27th at Barnet General Hospital, aged 84. The funeral service will take place at 2.30 pm 4th November Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers to J.A. Clark & Son, Funeral Directors, 103 Wood Street, Barnet (0181-449 3578).

LAKE - Percy on 27th October 1996 fell asleep for the last time and passed on with dignity. Beloved husband of Dora. Deeply missed by family and friends. No flowers. Donations in his memory, if desired, to Barnardos.

KAHANE - On October 27th, Marion, aged 82 years. Much loved wife of the late Dr. Robert Kahane, dearest mother of Richard and Gillian, loving grandmother of Edward, Charles, James, Steven and Alastair. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham at 11.45 am on Monday November 4th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

LYNCH - Anthony Ivor Hostage DFC* suddenly, at home, aged 84 on October 25th, husband of Alison and father of Joanna. Cremation at King's Lynn October 30th 4 pm. Future memorial service, enquiries R.M. Bowers, Northwold, Norfolk.

NELSON - On 24th October of Gilling West, Richmond, North Yorkshire, Arthur aged 82 years, former Director of Whessoe, Darlington, beloved husband of the late Ann and dearly loved father of Andrew and Claire and a loving grandfather. Funeral Friday November 1st. Friends please meet for service in St Agathas Church, Gilling West, Richmond, North Yorkshire, at 10.45 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be sent for the R.S.P.B. or The World Wildlife Fund, c/o Seaton Lang & Son Ltd., Bondgate, Darlington, DL3 7JR.

RAYMENT - On 25th October 1996, peacefully at Bury House, Bury, near Pulborough, Frances, widow of Keith and dearly loved mother of David, Ann and John and a loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday 5th November at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent to Multiple Sclerosis Treatment Centre Ltd. c/o Reynolds Funeral Service, 31, High Street, Bognor Regis, tel: (01243) 864745.

SISMAN - David, aged 76, died peacefully on 24th October 1996 after a long illness. Private funeral, no flowers but any donations to the Royal Star & Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, Richmond. Memorial service to be held at St James' Church, Piccadilly, on Sunday 1st December 1996 at 3 pm.

ROAF - Douglas, on 27th October, peacefully in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, aged 85 years. Physicist and Emeritus Student of Christ Church. Beloved husband of Christina, dear father of Dermot, Brigid, Rachel, Jane and Michael and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Giles Church, Oxford, on Tuesday 5th November at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to The Librarian, Somerville College, Oxford for the purchase of scientific books.

SPILLANE - Howard Guy on October 27th aged 84 years, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service on Saturday November 9th at 2.30 pm at Coddington Parish Church, near Colwall, Worcs. Donations if desired to Helen House (Children's Hospice), 37 Leopold Street, Oxford OX4 1QT.

STEEL - Emma Mary Katharine Baldwin, aged 32 on 11th July 1996 tragically at Pett Level. Much loved daughter of Peter and Rosamond, sister to John and Christine, Sarah and Carolina. Funeral Service 1 pm St Thomas' Church, Groombridge, on Wednesday 6th November. If desired donations may be given for the Pett Level In-Shore Rescue Boat or Knowles Tooth Family Centre may be sent to E. Medhurst, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex TN7 4AD.

STERN - Peacefully at home on October 27th, Walter Marcel aged 84 formerly of LSE. Husband of Audrey, father of Erica and Jonathan. The funeral will be held on Tuesday November 5th, at 2pm at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel. No flowers, donations to Parkinsons Disease Society.

SYMINGTON - Cicely Elliott (Tolley), lately of Gillingham, Dorset, died on 23rd October at Elliscombe House, Wincanton, Somerset. Private cremation has taken place.

STOTT - On October 28th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Dr. Alexander Norman Barron Stott, aged 66, deeply loved husband of Fiona and of Maureen (deceased), devoted father of Christopher, Stephen and Susanne, grandfather of Andrew and brother of Margaret. Private cremation. Memorial service in St Thomas Church, Goring-on-Thames, Oxon, on Tuesday, 5th November at 2 pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to the Cancer Macmillan Relief Fund, c/o R & H Barker, Funeral Directors, 40 Wantage Road, Didcot, Oxon. OX11 0BT.

TANGYE - On Saturday October 26th, 1996 peacefully at Dorminack, Derek, beloved husband of the late Jeannie. Funeral service - Penmount Crematorium Truro Cornwall at 2 pm on Monday November 4th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth c/o Harold Thomas, Funeral Director, Ivy Cottage, St Buryan, Penzance.

TUCKER - In loving memory of Ian, son of Alan and Liz, brother of Bob, James and George, boyfriend of Emma, who died tragically whilst playing his beloved rugby for Oxford University. Donations in lieu of flowers to Richard Langhorn Trust c/o Harlequin Football Club, Craneford Way, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7SQ.

WINTER - On October 27th 1996, George Winter aged 76. Widower of Elizabeth, father of Susan, Julie and Peter and grandfather of Alexander and James. Cremation 11 am 31st October Golders Green Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to St John's Hospice.

WOOD - Rev. Jane Wood, of Newtown, Powys, on 24th October 1996, aged 58 years. Thanksgiving Service at St David's Church, Newtown on Saturday, 2nd November at 3pm. Enquiries to Leach & Son, Newtown, tel: (01686) 626208.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL DAVID MILLER

Major-General David Miller, CB, CBE, MC, Chief of Staff, "Live Oak", at SHAPE, 1984-86, died of cancer on October 6 aged 65. He was born on August 17, 1931.

David Miller was a byword for bravery among the infantry soldiers he led as a junior officer in the 1950s and 1960s. In 1967 he won an MC in Aden for the verve and tactical skill with which he led his company during a desperate situation which arose in the days leading up to British withdrawal. He later showed the same qualities as a battalion commander in Northern Ireland and as Commander of the Ulster Defence Regiment. Finally, his precision of mind came strongly into play as a senior staff officer during the closing years of the Cold War.

Commissioned into the Border Regiment in 1951, David Eden Miller sailed with the 1st Battalion to Egypt in *HMS Illustrious* during the emergency reinforcement of the Canal Zone after King Farouk had abrogated the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. He cut his military teeth on patrol operations around Suez.

After this he served in intelligence in Berlin before being seconded to the Nigerian military forces after the country's independence in 1960. Subsequently passing through the Staff College, he went as GSO2 (Training) to Singapore.

By 1967 he was back with his battalion as commander of C Company. He and his men were to write two footnotes to the history of the 1967 withdrawal from Aden. On June 20 C Company was "stand-by force" in Radfan Camp on the isthmus when Arab soldiers of the Federal Army mutinied in the nearby Champion Lines and besieged their British officers.

At the request of the Federal Government, Miller was ordered to secure the officers' safety. He set off with a small party in an armoured vehicle to try to contact them and make a plan for their relief. But the situation suddenly worsened and his company was ordered forward in unarmoured trucks. One was hit by automatic fire, which killed one and wounded eight of his men. Undeterred, he dismounted and led the assault on the barracks. The sudden appearance of British troops within the camp quickly restored order and enabled him to secure the armoury and rescue the officers without further bloodshed.

Miller was awarded an MC for his handling of the situation.

He wrote the second footnote in November 1967 when his C Company covered the final withdrawal from Aden, and were the last troops to leave. They were flown off in Wessex helicopters onto the aircraft carrier *Albion*, before being shipped to rejoin their battalion at Bahrain. The C-in-C, Admiral Sir Michael Le Fanu, sent Miller a note written at sea: "It has been very agreeable to have your Charlie Company round my location. They have struck me as a very cheerful, on the ball and smart outfit . . ."

Attending the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer in 1970 gave him a short break from active operations before being posted to command his battalion in Belfast in February 1971. The Province was faced with the IRA's concerted offensive against the Army, the troubles caused by the introduction of internment without trial, the start of the terrorist use of car bombs, the reactions to "Bloody Sunday" and "Bloody Friday" and the establishment of "no-go" areas in Belfast and Londonderry. He himself was lucky to survive when an IRA bomb exploded under his Land Rover.

During his tour he led his battalion, mounted in armoured Saracens and supported by tank dozers, during Operation Motorman to break open the no-go areas. His particular target was the Catholic Creggan housing estate in Londonderry. The operation proved too large be kept secret, and so his 600 Cumbrian soldiers were barely opposed. The hard men of the IRA had withdrawn across the Foyle before the battalion swept through the barricades cleared by the tank dozers. He was appointed OBE in June 1973.

He returned to England as a senior member of the directing staff at Latimer, by then renamed the National Defence College. There, among other things, he experienced the IRA bomb attack on the college. Then the Cold War began to bulk large in his career. He was posted as Colonel General Staff in the Ministry of Defence branch responsible for monitoring Warsaw Pact activities, and for Nato and BAOR counter-measures.

In March 1978 he returned to Belfast as Commander of the Ulster Defence Regiment which was being greatly expanded and given wider responsibilities throughout the Province. The situation was less tense than in 1972, but there were still atrocities, such as the killing of 18 soldiers at Warrenpoint and the murder of Earl Mountbatten in August 1979. His tenure in command will be remembered for his efforts to encourage the female members of the regiment, the "Greenfinches", and to give them wider operational responsibilities. It was largely due to Miller's efforts that they became an integral part of the new Royal Irish Regiment.

Advanced to CBE for his services with the UDR, the Cold War phase of his career started in earnest in 1980 when he was appointed Brigadier General Staff in HQ BAOR. Four years later he was given the semi-diplomatic post of Chief of Staff and Head of the UK Delegation to "Live Oak", the four-cornered British, American, French and German Berlin contingency planning staff in the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. "Live Oak" was responsible for ensuring the Allies' continued freedom of access to Berlin.

Retiring from the Army in 1986, he was appointed CB and became Colonel of the Border Regiment. Settling in North Devon, he became a magistrate and a member of the board of visitors at the nearby prison.

In 1958 he met Mary Lamley Fisher. They had two sons, who, with his wife, survive him.

SIR PATRICK BROWNE

Sir Patrick Browne, PC, OBE, former Lord Justice of Appeal and High Court Judge, died on October 1 aged 89. He was born on May 28, 1907.

PATRICK BROWNE was a Lord Justice of Appeal from 1974 until his retirement in 1980, crowning a most distinguished career both at the Bar and on the Bench. His appointment to the Court of Appeal followed nine years as a judge of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division. His work as a High Court judge involved frequent (and, in those days, lengthy) spells sitting on circuit, mainly trying criminal cases. On his retirement he recalled those days with pleasure, but it was no secret that he felt happier trying civil cases.

One outstanding example of his judgments in the civil field in 1966 was in the leading case of *Anisminic v Foreign Compensation Commission*, which concerned compensation for English owners of foreign property in Egypt following the Suez episode. The case raised a critical point as to the powers of the court to investigate the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction, and his hitherto unreported judgment in the plaintiff's favour was, probably uniquely, annexed to the official Law Report of the case in the House of Lords, where it was restored after it had been reversed in the Court of Appeal.

Patrick Reginald Evelyn Browne was the elder son of Professor Edward Browne, a distinguished Oriental scholar and Professor of Arabic at Cambridge. He was educated at Eton and Pembroke College, Cambridge, of which he was elected an Honorary Fellow in 1975. He served in the Royal Horse Artillery during the Second World War, becoming a GSO1 in the War Office with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and being appointed OBE (mil.) in 1945.

He had been called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1931, and took silk in 1960. He built up a large and successful practice, specialising mainly in rating, planning and parliamentary work, which became an important and rapidly expanding area of practice in the years following the war.

Patrick Browne was a man of tremendous personal integrity, with a charmingly modest and self-effacing manner. As a judge he was conscientious almost to a fault, but extremely fair and courteous to all who appeared before him, whether as counsel or as witnesses.

His judgments frequently demonstrated his dedication and his learning, for example in the case of *Bank Russo-Iran v Gordon Woodroffe & Co*, when, as the trial judge, he resolved (no doubt with a feeling of filial piety) a number of intricate issues of Persian law. At the very end of his judgment of more than 200 pages, all of which up to then had gone in the bank's favour, he decided the last of the issues against it, with the result that it lost. Such was his anxiety, however, that he went out of his way to encourage the bank's leading counsel to appeal: but, to his disappointment, the Russians felt a little disillusioned with the English legal process, and declined to carry the case any further.

This great sense of modesty never deserted him. Shortly before his retirement, he sat in the Court of Appeal in an important and complex patent case concerning penicillin, where he was in the unfortunate position of holding the ring when his two Chancery colleagues disagreed in lengthy judgments. His pithy judgment, occupying but one page, began characteristically with the words: "I find myself, whose knowledge and experience in this field of law is minimal, in the unhappy position of having the deciding voice between the experts."

He loved the Inner Temple, where he became a Bencher in 1962, and was in turn greatly loved by his fellow Benchers and other colleagues in the Inn.

His first wife died in 1966. His second wife, Lena, together with his two daughters by his first marriage, survive him.

JOE SIME

Joe Sime, Flat race jockey, died on October 22 aged 73. He was born on July 27, 1923.

JOE SIME was one of the most successful northern jockeys during the 20 years after the Second World War. As a man able to ride at a boy's weight, he was in widespread demand for the important handicaps, especially by gambling stables. Exceptionally strong for his weight, he was a subtle tactician and an astute judge of pace. Perhaps the best race he ever rode was in the Yorkshire Cup in 1957, when he made all the running on the rank outsider Souverlone and beat the classic colt Hornbeam at the end of two miles.

For many years Sime enjoyed a successful association with Sam Hall, the rotund and jovial trainer from Middleham. For him he rode, most notably, Morecambe, one of the outstanding staying handicappers of his era, and won the Ebor Handicap at York in 1957 and the Cesarewitch at Newmarket the next year.

Joseph Francis Sime was born in Liverpool. He was the son of a painter at the local docks and as a young boy his ambition was to be a footballer, but, too small in stature to achieve this, he went instead, at the age of 14, to Newmarket to be apprenticed to Dawson Waugh at the Somerville Lodge stables. His talent soon emerged when he won on Firle, his first mount in public, at Newmarket in 1941.

With the retirement of Waugh at the end of 1942, Sime completed his apprenticeship with Waugh's nephew, Jack, at the Heath House stables, also at Newmarket. He obtained his first important success on Mad Carew in a substitute Manchester November Handicap at Pontefract in 1943.

Champion apprentice in 1943, 1944 and 1946 he went on to win the 1947 Ebor Handicap on Procne trained by Captain Charles Elsey. Twelve months later he won the race again on Donino.

In 1948 he gained his first success at Royal Ascot, when riding Lake Placid in the King George V Handicap. Other successes at the Royal meeting included the three-year-old, Helioscope, in the 1949 Hardwicke Stakes and the Wokingham Stakes on Light Harvest in 1956.

Sime obtained one of his most important successes on the good class sprinter, Chris, in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot in 1959. Chris was trained by the former jockey, Willie Nevett, Sime's predecessor as Cock o' the North (the leading northern jockey). Sime also won the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot on Lucky Guy in 1959.

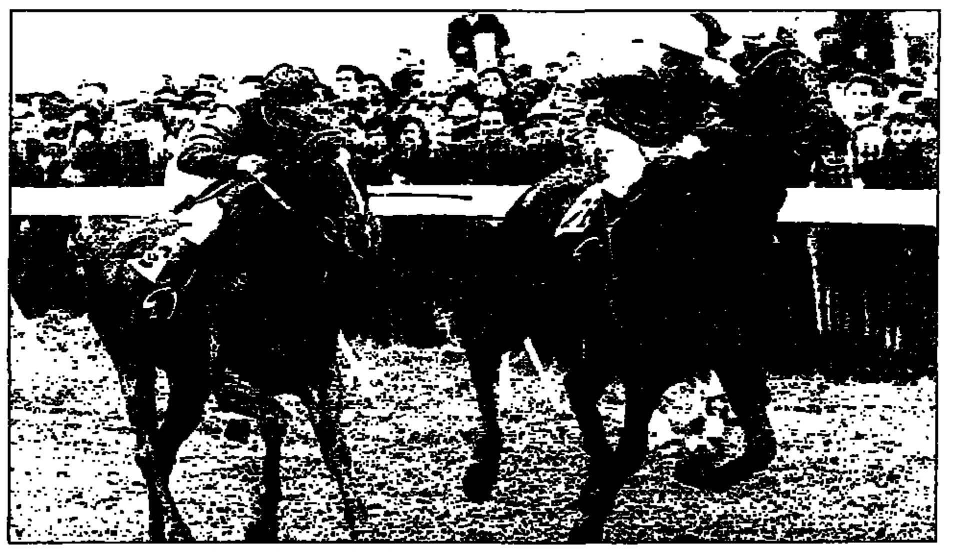
In 1962 Sime made another impact on Royal Ascot by winning the Royal Hunt Cup on Smartie and the Queen's Vase on Pavot, trained by Paddy Prendergast in Ireland. Later he enjoyed further significant success on Irish horses, winning his fourth Ebor Handicap on Partholon in 1963 and another Queen's Vase on Beddard, saddled by Stuart Murless, in 1965.

A second success in the Cesarewitch materialised when Sime rode Utrillo for Captain Ryan Price's powerful Findon stable in 1963. Two years later he won the Cesarewitch for a third time on Mintmaster.

Sime enjoyed his best season when riding 108 winners, and finishing fourth to Lester Piggott in the jockeys' list in 1960. He retired in 1968.

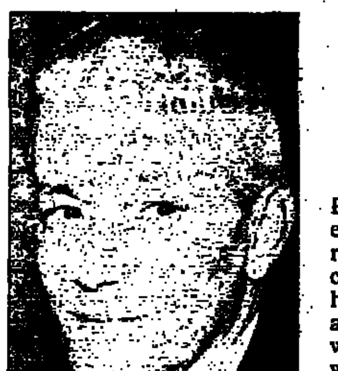
One of the few jockeys who smoked a pipe, Sime was a modest and friendly man, who was popular among the racing community, as well as in Doncaster where he made his home. After retirement from racing he worked as a journalist for *The People* and ran a newsagents near the racecourse.

He is survived by his wife Joan, whom he married in 1946, and by their two sons and daughter.



Joe Sime, right, winning the Lincoln on Hill Royal in 1962

PETER ALDERSLEY



Peter Aldersley, actor and disc jockey, died on October 10 aged 72. He was born on May 4, 1924.

PETER ALDERSLEY was an eccentric but genial figure who might almost have stepped out of the pages of a P. G. Wodehouse novel. Although as an actor he never rose to fame, he was known throughout the world of British theatre as the secretary of both the Green Room and Savile clubs. His enormous enthusiasm shattered preconceptions of musty clubland as he welcomed members at the door, buying them drinks and entertaining them with conversation through the evening.

Although there were no theatrical connections in Peter Aldersley's family, it was theatre and particularly music hall that became his first love. As a boy growing up in Hampstead he would often spend what little pocket money he had going to the West End to see such luminaries of the day as Gracie Fields, Max Miller, Douglas Byng and Noël Coward.

In the 1930s he tried his chances as a repertory actor, joining Tod Slaughter, the master of grand guignol, in touring productions of *Sweeney Todd* and *Maria Marten, or The Murder in the Red Barn*, staged in small provincial theatres and in local church halls.

In the 1940s and 1950s Aldersley acted in repertory, playing in such diverse places as Gravesend and Lincoln. For a while he was an actor and director at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre and at the Wolverhampton Grand.

But in the 1960s he suddenly changed his career, becoming a disc jockey on Radio Luxembourg. His relaxed style on air was to be the forerunner of that later adopted by BBC Radio 2 in the 1970s and 1980s. His chirpily jovial show, including music-hall songs and variety sketches, mingled with singles from the current hit parades, was to prove one of the station's most popular attractions and Aldersley received an ample mail bag each week, mainly from admiring housewives.

A chance programme that he devised in the 1960s about Elvis Presley brought yet another turn in his career, when he was invited by Presley to visit him at his home in Gracelands in America. The two men got on well and Presley cast him in a small part in the film *Elvis, That's The Way It Is* in 1970.

But it was in the world of theatre clubland that Aldersley was in his element. He joined the Green Room in 1952, later became the honorary secretary and then in 1991 was elected chairman. He also edited the club's magazine.

In 1976 he became the secretary of the Savile Club, where his old-style manners and respect for the members made him extremely popular. He retired through ill-health in 1991.

Peter Aldersley was unmarried.

ON THIS DAY

October 30, 1952

W.M. Thackeray was a successful novelist and also a lecturer popular both in Britain and the United States. On the tour described here, he was said to have earned £2,500.

THE PUBLICATION OF "ESMOND"

THACKERAY'S AMERICAN VISITING CARD

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

It is the morning of October 30, 1852, on the Liverpool Pier. A giant figure of a man, white-haired and aged beyond his forty-odd years, is waiting there impatiently. The ship in which he is about to sail for Boston is ready to quit her moorings. He is equipped for all that he will require on the lecture tour on which he is embarking — the dispatch box from his publisher, the lifebelt from his mother (which he has solemnly promised not to leave behind), but there is one thing he desires above all others, a copy of his latest novel. Disappointed by its absence, he is stepping reluctantly aboard the good ship Canada, when a messenger arrives with letters from his publisher and the first copy of *The History of Henry Esmond, Esq., A Colonel in the Service of her Majesty Q. Anne written by himself*.

The proofs of *Esmond* had taken an unconscionable time in correction, for the book had been printed in an almost obsolete type of the reign of Queen Anne, of which only a small fount was available, and the manuscript of the third volume had been missing at the publishers so long that Thackeray feared he would have to delay his departure while he re-wrote it.

Even with the experience of *Pendennis* and *Vanity Fair* upon him, Thackeray had found it no easy task to throw his mind back 150 years and tell his story as though written by one who had actually lived in the time of Queen Anne, correct in all historical detail, and told in the language of that day. He was saturated with the life of that period, and had even contemplated seriously a history of Queen Anne's reign, destined to be, he once said, his greatest work. But money had to be made, and he had undertaken a lecture tour — an hour's reading was often as profitable as a fortnight's work, he had found — and he had resolutely decided to "invest all the winnings for my two girls and their poor (afflicted) mother . . . In order to this end I must work as if nothing had happened and am under stringent engagements to write a novel, which will come out as I sail for America. Now to do this I must have my own way. my own lodgings, factotum, liberty, cigar after breakfast, &c., without all of which I can't work." The book was actually finished on Saturday, May 28, when Thackeray gave a dinner party to his friends to celebrate the occasion.

The statement about his own lodgings, factotum, liberty, and cigar must be taken with a grain of the salt of facetiousness, for his home in Young Street (still standing) was in the painters' hands, and some part at least of *Esmond* had to be written at the Athenaeum, where he had the special use of a side room of the library, and more, by the kindness of Sir Anthony Panizzi, in a room at the British Museum where he could carry out historical research. The author, who later was to spend hours in determining the shade of Washington's breeches, was *not* likely to leave anything necessary to complete the picture of *Esmond* to his imagination.

It is far from the truth that *Esmond*, in the words of an unfriendly contemporary critic, "fell still-born from the press." The sale was so much greater than expected that the publishers sent the author a cheque for £250 in addition to the £1,000 originally agreed upon. Thackeray's own view of the book can be judged from his remark to J.T. Fields, the American publisher, who had met him with the three volumes of *Esmond* under his arm. "Here is the very best I can do," exclaimed Thackeray, "and I am carrying it to Prescott as a reward of merit for having given me my first dinner in America. I stand by this book, and am willing to leave it, where I go, as my card."

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The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for these charities. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Wilde Sapte, Solicitors or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: Church Society

Scheme Varying

Reference: JM/34858/CD(T).

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at 16 Rosslyn Road, Watford, Herts, WD1 7EY, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 15th November 1996 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts SG8 5EA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonable require.

Dated this 25th day of October 1996

By Order of the Board
E. GILBERT, Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LORD RAYLEIGH'S DAIRIES LIMITED
(In Administration)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA on 12 November 1996 at 11.00am to consider our proposals under s23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee.

A proxy form should be completed and sent to us at Coopers & Lybrand, Plumtree Court, London EC4A 4HT by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented. In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to us, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of your claim.

Dated October 28 1996

Christopher John Barlow and Christopher John Hughes
Joint Administrators

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LORD RAYLEIGH'S DAIRIES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)

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Dated October 28 1996

By Order of the Board

No. 005198/96
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF AIR STUDIOS (LYNDHURST) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition presented to her Majesty's High Court of Justice on Monday 16 September 1996 for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £6,005,000 to £6,000,060 by cancellation of the share capital which is unrepresented by available assets and by cancellation of the share premium account.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 13 November 1996.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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It's a free country, but not if you want to tell the truth

Lot of silliness without a circus

All praise to the Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges. It has decided to let cameras into its cash-for-questions inquiry. Unique among parliamentary committees, it enjoys the option of excluding cameras from public hearings. Wisely it will not exercise it. That's one small step on the road to open government.

Why would such a committee consider shutting its doors to television? To avoid "a media circus", of course. That snappy phrase is often trotted out to justify excluding cameras from hearings like the Scott inquiry where a wider public would like to look in. A sneering reference to the O. J. Simpson trial usually follows, as if that settles the question.

What a laugh. Britain is not California. It does not have palm trees, a violent and armed police force, football players who become actors, or a legal system that tolerates pre-trial publicity, allowing lawyers to give daily press conferences. Nor, unlike the United States, does it have a Freedom of Information Act. Suggestions that we should have such an Act are dismissed with warnings of the danger of emulating the legalistic Americans.

Threats of a media circus were widely used in the 1980s to fend off moves to televise Parliament. It would ruin the quality of debate, members would be encouraged to play to the camera. The media circus did not take place. Since 1986 the full proceedings of both Houses have been televised.

You can watch every golden minute on The Parliamentary Channel, a cable-exclusive channel, which offers the Commons live, delayed broadcasts of the Lords' proceedings the following morning and selections from the parliamentary committees at the weekend. Other broadcasting organisations take bits as suits their needs, notably from Prime Minister's Questions.

The only behaviour modification that television has wrought on MPs has been to get women members into day-glo jackets. If these years have also witnessed a loss of respect for Parliament, not even MPs would blame television as the cause. The cameras show empty chambers because everybody knows that most speeches don't matter.

Yet parliamentary television is duller than it needs to be. The fault lies with the rules enforced to stave off the media circus. No close-ups (the basic technique of film and screen) are allowed. "Reaction" shots are also forbidden. How ironic that the debating chamber which boasts that it is the best in the world and prides itself on the well-honed gibe, will not allow us to see the expression on the victim's face. All we see is the triumphant attacker. Only wide-angle shots of the chamber are allowed. Programme editors are not even permitted to put a circle over the part of the screen which shows, say, a scuffle or a whip forcing a reluctant member through the lobby. Reporters and editors are thereby prevented from doing their job: directing the public to what is relevant.

Equally ludicrous is the rule forbidding the use of any of the footage for satiric purposes. Members seem to need assurance that no shots will turn up on the cover of *Private Eye* or on *A Week in Politics*. But surely they are at greater risk of looking foolish on the campaign trail, with everything from eggs to to babies being thrust at them unawares, than in the Palace of Westminster.

BRENDA MADDOX

Politicians have no business having such thin skins. The time has come for them to repay the responsible coverage television has given Parliament over the past decade by loosening the rules — especially the silliest of them all.

That is the absolute requirement that, if any really untoward event should occur in the chamber — one member knocking another out cold, for example — the cameras must go straight to the face of the Speaker and stay there. Eyes away from the news? That's not public service. It's censorship.

In Liverpool at the weekend to chair a session at the 50th anniversary conference of the Guild of Editors, I found it full of passionate defenders of the press, not only from the nationals but smaller ones with evocative names like the Bury Free Press and the Shropshire Star.

It was a poor audience before which to call for a new privacy law to restrain the excesses of newspapers, but *The Independent's* columnist Polly Toynbee and libel lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck made such an appeal. They would have had a less hostile reception had they made the case for abortion before a group of Roman Catholic bishops.

If the rest of Europe can have a privacy law, asked Ms Toynbee, why can't we? David Newell, a lawyer and the deputy director of the Newspaper Society, explained: "A privacy law would be introduced into a legal system which lacks protection of freedom of expression. No European country lacks such protection." Amen. A country which neither has a Freedom of Information Act nor a guaranteed right of free speech should be lifting, not piling on, restrictions.

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Winner will exercise his mind

AT last, something to distract Michael Winner from the business of persecuting restaurateurs. The film director and Fleet Street irritant is to join the red braces brigade. He has been signed up by Real Creatives Worldwide to direct television commercials.

"He'd be good at anything action-packed . . . you know, like taking Milk Tray into the 21st century or car commercials," Malcom Rasala, of Real Creatives, says. Mr Winner's own recollections of his previous advertising work are rather more mundane: "I did one in the Fifties for Elizabethan tape recorders. But it's quite correct that I have been signed up to work for this company. Having done fast-paced pictures before, it was thought there might be a good crossover there. I'm happy to do it. It keeps your hand in and exercises the mind."

● *THE more upmarket estate agents in Edinburgh apparently perked up when they heard that the prosperous Andrew Neil had accepted the job of Editor-in-Chief of European Press Holdings, which owns* The Scotsman, The European *and two other Scottish newspapers.*

Would they be able to interest the jet-setting Mr Neil in a charming pied-à-terre in the grand old city?

Unfortunately the Paisley superstar has no plans to lay down property roots in Edinburgh. "I plan to be in Edinburgh two to three days a week, probably flying up on a Sunday night and returning to London on Wednesday," he says. *"I shall be staying at the Balmoral hotel."*

Thin ice

PAUL Boateng, MP and host of Channel 4's asinine public debate programme, *Nothing But the Truth*, is stepping into deeply litigious waters to ask his audience to consider the matter of the Prince's former housekeeper, Wendy Berry.

Mrs Berry, you will remember, blotted her copybook when she told all about the breakdown of his marriage in a carefully recorded book, *Housekeeper's Diary*. A royal legal team gained an injunction which prevented the contents of the book being sold, published or broadcast in the UK. They were unable, however, to stop 90,000 copies being flogged in America.

Boateng: telling the truth

The programme — which is being recorded on Saturday and is likely to be screened on Sunday — will debate whether it was right that a book of such huge public interest should have been banned in Britain. Mr Boateng, however, should be aware that the last organisation to publicise the contents of that book was the late *Today* newspaper which felt the full force of a Palace writ within an hour of hitting the streets.

THOSE hardworking chaps at World in Action *have had enough of seeing their arch-rivals at* Panorama *stealing the limelight. Stung by the plaudits the BBC* Panorama *team received for their world exclusive interview with Diana, Princess of Wales, and the moving story of Child B's fight against leukaemia, they have decided to hit back.*

Stand by for an innovative new advertising campaign dreamt up by the publicity men at Granada, in Manchester, to accompany a series of hard-hitting World In Action *documentaries. "We want to let people know we are still here and it's not just* Panorama *making good programmes," a source says.*

Curdling tales

EASTENDERS scriptwriters are determined not to be outdone by the acres of publicity which followed *Brookside's* recent incest storyline.

The *EastEnders* crew are planning an equally racy plot which could see the BBC out-taboo Channel 4 and keep the Broadcasting Standards Council busy for weeks. It goes like this: Tiffany Raymond, who is pregnant with Grant Mitchell's baby, confides to Lorraine Wicks that she's not sure Grant is the father after all. Lorraine tells all, Grant throws Tiffany out and she is forced to seek shelter with her gay brother Simon. Still following? Well, the trouble is that Simon's live-in lover is Tony Hills who is not only Tiffany's live-in lover but also the real father of the baby. Hence an instant *ménage à trois.*

Tall tale: Tiffany Raymond

There is apparently no truth in the rumour that *Coronation Street* is planning to introduce Mavis and Derek Wilton to wife-swapping.

Why consumers are switching off

ADVERTISING

CONSUMERS are going out of their way to avoid advertisements, according to a new study by Lowe Howard-Spink, *Advertising isn't Working*.

As much as £465 million spent on television advertising alone in 1995 was wasted because of a phenomenon which has been labelled "advertising avoidance" by John Lowery, head of planning at the agency.

Close analysis of the official BARB TV viewing data, as well as extra questions added to the TGI consumer survey, have revealed that 44 per cent of the nation are zapping TV commercials, while 54 per cent of the population could be "avoiding" ads on posters and 56 per cent could be snubbing magazine advertising, he says.

The reason for the phenomenon, according to Mr Lowery, is the decline over the past five years of likeable advertising — likeable being an important factor in the effectiveness of an ad — and the detrimental effect that bad advertising has on other, possibly good, work.

THE 1996 Ariel Awards, the annual event in celebration of excellence in radio advertising, took place last night at BAFTA in London.

While lacking the razzmatazz of other advertising award ceremonies, the occasion was nevertheless well attended by 200 agency creatives, marking how increasingly important creativity is to radio commercials.

Awards were heaped upon the Harry Enfield ads for Dime Bar, which cleverly spoof the worst things about radio commercials — from ghastly jingles to endless "small print" disclaimers and inanely repeated phone numbers.

The award for the best compaign went deservedly to Saatchi and Saatchi for its strong "Army soldier: be the best" COI/MoD work.

STUART PEARCE, the England and Nottingham Forest defender, seems to be the advertising flavour of the month.

Having made his commercial debut in an ad for Raleigh bikes, he is now to star in the latest Ford Escort commercial. It plays on his infamous spot-kick miss in the 1990 World Cup semi-final against West Germany. Responding to the "what do you do in yours?" Escort challenge, the ad ends with the line "Stuart Pearce misses a penalty in his" as it shows him getting a parking ticket from a traffic warden.

Pizza Hut is also exploiting his goal-scoring history in a commercial starting on November 1. It also stars two other semi-final penalty missers, Gareth Southgate and Chris Waddle.

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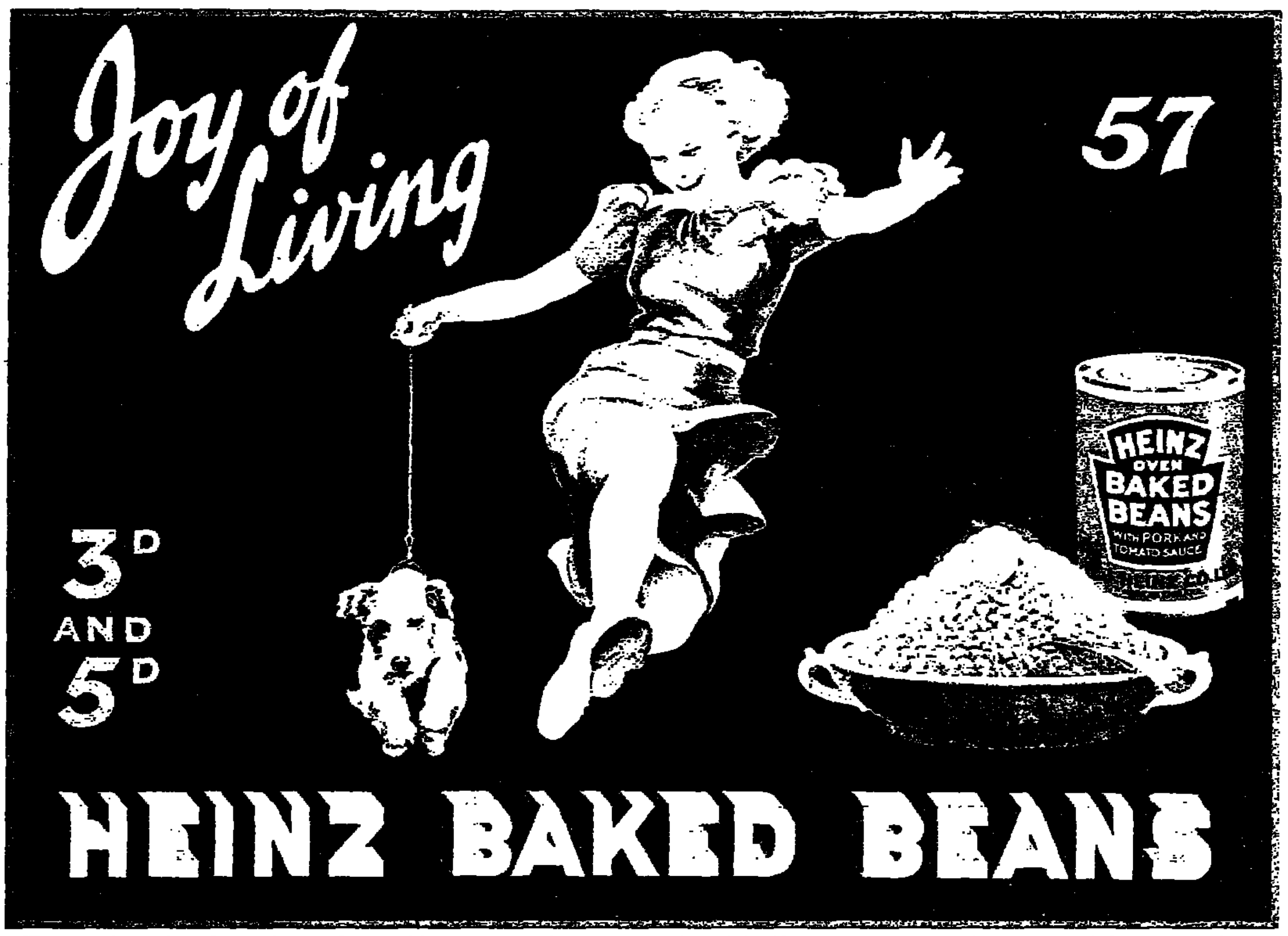
A tribute to the old campaigner

The Heinz '57 varieties' advertising slogan is 100 years old today and going strong. **Alex Benady** examines the secret of its appeal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The "57" slogan is still a catchy number worldwide. In the Thirties poster above it had become synonymous in the UK with fitness and plenty

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1938 Heinz tin shows the "57" symbol

ADVERTISING is a business notorious for its short-term perspective and obsessive pursuit of novelty. Ask an ad man for his definition of a "long time" and he will probably reply "60 seconds" on the grounds that it is twice the length of the average television commercial.

Few advertising ideas last longer than a couple of years. Exceptional campaigns may endure for a decade. Only a handful of the most powerful and relevant slogans have ever survived more than a few decades.

But today the grandad of all advertising slogans, Heinz's "57 varieties", celebrates its 100th anniversary. As the corporate callsign of the $9 billion-a-year Heinz company, it appears on advertising and packaging in 200 different countries and ranks alongside Coca-Cola's "the real thing" as one of the best-known slogans in the world.

It dates from October 30, 1896, when Henry John Heinz, owner of a fast-expanding pickled foods business, was on a train in New York and noticed an advertisement proclaiming "21 styles of shoes". Although Heinz was already making more than 60 different lines, his mind kept turning to the number 57 and the phrase "57 varieties".

He recorded in his diary: "I jumped off the train and began the work of laying out my advertising plans. Within a week it was appearing on billboards, signs and anywhere else I could find a place to stick it."

His short-order working methods contrast with the modern drawn-out creative agony. This seemingly anodyne phrase rapidly became the best-known commercial message in the world.

In the UK it has not appeared in advertisements since the Sixties when a television campaign was accompanied by the jingle: "Heinz 57, it's Heinz 57, Heinz has everything you need, Ready when you are, yes indeed, it's Heinz 57."

It was subsequently eclipsed by "Beanz Meanz Heinz" and in the UK, at least, the old-timer was retired to the relative peace and quiet of the pack design. Although Heinz today makes more than 4,000 lines worldwide, "57 varieties" survives on active service appearing in campaigns in the United States, Africa and Asia.

The slogan has achieved what all advertising aspires to these days; it has entered the language. "It has become a widely used cipher for consumer choice and abundance," said Robert Bailey, Heinz UK marketing director. Examples of its use range from the bingo call "Heinz 57" to the title of Bruce Springsteen's 1994 song, *57 Channels and Nothing On*.

The question is: why do some properties, especially when they are as apparently insignificant as "57 varieties", have such resonance and staying power?

Merry Clayton is a planning director of J Walter Thompson, the agency in London with more long-running advertising campaigns than any other. "The secret of longevity is to have an idea with a strong theme that can be modified to accommodate new trends," she said.

She illustrates her argument with the example of the 50-year-old Esso tiger: "It started life as a symbol of power, then in the Eighties became a symbol of green environmentalism, and now it has become a vigilante follower of prices."

Andy Bryant, account director of Heinz advertising agency Bates Dorland, says the durability of "57 varieties" lies in its ability to be continually reinterpreted and updated to suit the times.

"In 1896, 57 was a large number and '57 varieties' was an impressive display of manufacturing versatility. During the Great Depression it became a symbol of plenty. During the war it became a symbol of manufacturing power in defiance of German air raids," he said.

And it fits in perfectly with Heinz's communication strategy. Two years ago the company caused controversy within the advertising community by ceasing to advertise individual products and instead put its budget into a single campaign for the Heinz name.

"Advertising all the Heinz varieties had become prohibitively expensive. But we could only adopt this 'umbrella banding' approach because, unlike many other manufacturers' names, Heinz means something to the consumer. And one of its strongest connotations is '57 varieties'," Bryant said.

A 100-year-old advertising slogan may sound like a contradiction in terms but according to Gary Duckworth, chairman of Duckworth Finn Grubb Waters, such properties are the ultimate goal of advertising and marketing.

"In an ideal world nearly all campaigns would be long-running because you get a cumulative investment which far exceeds the value of each year's spend," he said. "Long-running ideas build potency and layers of meaning which are hard to compete with."

In other words, they give a brand financial and emotional protection which rivals find hard to match. Heinz proves this.

Despite almost suicidal competition from retailers and other manufacturers in recent years, with tins of baked beans sold for a few pence in some cases, sales of Heinz beans have increased.

We all know the really long-running advertising campaigns, 99 per cent of the population can complete the 75-year-old line, "Have a break, have a ..." They are deeply embedded in our minds.

But if they are so powerful and so valuable, it is puzzling that there are not more of them. After all, said Clayton, "It becomes apparent within a couple of months after a campaign breaks whether it has lasting qualities or not."

The truth is it is not only advertising that suffers from short-termism, it is increasingly true of nearly all business, so advertising and marketing executives have less and less time to make their mark. Faced with an unsuccessful campaign or slogan, it is far better to make an impact by scrapping it dramatically than to do nothing.

Giving the viewers what they want

Kim Turberville wanted an awards show for the most popular programmes on television. Interview by **Carol Midgley**

GILL ALLEN

Kim Turberville with a National Television Award

As the celebrities pouted, the cameras rolled and the curtain went up for this year's National Television Awards, few of the 3,000 guests at the Royal Albert Hall would have noticed Kim Turberville.

She spent most of the gala evening backstage, her party dress hitched above her knees, running from room to room ensuring all was going to a schedule which was entirely hers.

It was while she was watching the BAFTA awards several years ago that it struck her that the programmes most rewarded were rarely the ones most enjoyed by the masses.

Now the woman, who nine years ago was typing letters as a secretary for Central TV, is the sole owner of the rights to the awards night which this month attracted more than 12 million viewers, managed to persuade the Duchess of York to pop in as the surprise guest and has already got the BBC bidding to broadcast it in 1998.

The indisputable success of the National Television Awards must be perplexing for other, more traditional ceremonies, such as BAFTA, which while honouring "worthy" programmes are often accused by the kindest of critics of making dull television.

Turberville's theory is simple. Bring together all the celebrities from all the most popular programmes for an evening of glitz and you have a guaranteed massive audience.

Critics could argue that does not necessarily create interesting or good quality television but Turberville ensured that what the show may have lacked in weight, it made up for in glamour. "I hadn't seen anything which excited viewers in terms of glamour for a long time," said Turberville. "We made sure all the celebrities turned up in limousines and that a lot of genuine fans were there. It created a magical atmosphere."

Uniquely, the winners for Turberville's awards are decided by the viewing public. This year 250,000 people cast a vote, one hundred times more than the number of people required for an official opinion poll. "No TV award show ever reflected popular taste — until now", boomed *The Sun*, which, as a major sponsor, did have a vested interest. During the awards' two-year lifespan (1995 and 1996) the programmes have achieved viewing figures of more than 12 million for each showing.

This year the show's audience share was 48 per cent and, to Turberville's delight, the audience grew every 15 minutes. Next year, although they will be again shown on the ITV network, she will ask the BBC to trail the awards on a public information basis.

"It had occurred to me for a while that the programmes which people watched most, programmes like *Animal Hospital* and *The Bill*, were never rewarded," she said. "I love watching television — I am a great fan of *Heartbeat* for instance, and I wanted to focus on the programmes I watched the most."

Turberville, who runs her own television company, Indigo, joined up with Grampian and with its director of programmes George Mitchell, offered the idea to ITV network and was granted the airtime.

The first show was a resounding success not least because of the troubled Michael Barrymore who, having picked up three awards, went on to steal the show. This year it was the Duchess of York, who, on presenting the award for best drama to *The Bill* remarked that she should be receiving it not giving it. Again, maximum tabloid coverage was guaranteed.

"The Duchess was very nervous and said: 'Do you think they are going to boo me?' In fact, there was an enormous cheer."

Having grown up in Chepstow, Turberville attended Nottingham University before deciding to sneak in to television through the back door as a secretary, but with her eye on the main chance. "I wanted to get into production and I thought it was the fastest way in. I never thought for a moment it would pigeonhole me although I can see now how that might happen," she said.

"It was great. People think you are invisible when you are a secretary and said anything they liked in front of me. I got to know all the secrets. I don't think anybody realised I was so ambitious."

She went on to become an assistant producer and a producer working on the daytime show *Gas Street*. She then acquired Indigo (a play on the word 'independent' and her favourite colour). Although still single at 37 she protests she is not "a sad, lonely, workaholic type".

"It is hard sometimes but I make sure I have a very good private life," she says. "I always like to work long days then have long weekends."

The London-based company, which employs just six staff, specialises in one-off documentaries. This Christmas her latest offering, an intimate documentary about the pop singer Phil Collins, will be screened on television.

But it is the National Television Awards which remains her most important achievement, a result, she believes of simply identifying popular tastes and packaging the programme in a popular, feelgood way.

"Sometimes the industry can get too wrapped up in itself," she said. "While it is talking about the latest movements at the ITC, it can lose sight of the whole point of television — the viewer at home. I am really lucky because I love these programmes myself. It was just a matter of remembering who the viewer is and what they want and delivering it."

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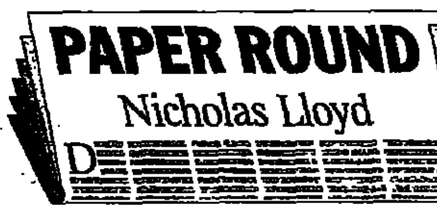

PAPER ROUND

Nicholas Lloyd

When I spoke to Andrew Neil at his packed book launch party in Daphne's restaurant on Monday night, he was as reticent as the parrot on his shoulder (yes, he had a parrot on his shoulder) about his new job.

But his decision to become Editor-in-Chief of *The Scotsman, Scotland on Sunday* and *The European* can be seen as an astute move by the owners, David and Freddie Barclay.

And I suspect it is good news for the British media, too. For the Barclays are not grey financiers after a peerage and a quick profit. They are genuine newspaper enthusiasts who devour every newspaper every day, who enjoy politics and the company of journalists.

With Neil joining the shrewd Bert Hardy, the former managing director of Associated Newspapers, at the helm of the Barclays media empire stand by for fireworks and acquisitions. The brothers have no new targets in sight, I am told, but with Neil on board they may be keener to expand.

Hardy said: "It's taken me six months to get Andrew. He's high profile and he's Scottish — we wouldn't dare bring in anyone up here in Edinburgh who wasn't! He will bring us the hands-on editorial expertise necessary to develop our titles.

"We have to decide what direction *The European* should take — and we want to change our Sunday broadsheet review section to a magazine and also improve *The Scotsman's* Saturday magazine."

Returning to executive centre stage, the former king of the big Sunday newspaper package will note that Saturday has taken over as the biggest selling day.

Several Saturday issues now outsell their Sunday stablemates. The *Daily Mail* on Saturday sells 2.7 million to *The Mail on Sunday's* 2.1 million; the *Daily Mirror* sells 2.8 million to the *Sunday Mirror's* 2.45 million; *The Sun* has caught up with the *News of the World* at 4.5 million and the daily *Express*, with 1.4 million, is 200,000 ahead of its sagging Sunday sister.

Part of this shift may be the result of good old British thrift. Since 1988, pagination of the dailies has doubled and magazines and supplements have been added to burgeoning Saturday editions. Why then, should a busy reader rush out and buy several Sunday newspapers, too?

There is no doubt that the removal of restrictions on Sunday trading and licensing hours has changed consumer behaviour radically.

I can remember in the Fifties and Sixties when all there was to do on a Sunday was read the newspapers, a time when a three-newspaper household was normal and the *News of the World* was hidden from the children (a move that ensured it became a sex education manual for every teenager).

Now we can work, rest and play on the Sabbath. Indeed, as one editor I spoke to suggested, Saturday may have become the day we recover from work, a day for lazing and loafing, a day to read fat newspapers. And the deregulation of television listings has a major impact on sales, permitting Saturday papers to give readers week-long guides.

Stuart Higgins, Editor of *The Sun*, claims that his new 48-page television magazine, launched earlier this month, has increased sales by 150,000 copies and *The Sun* is now frequently outselling the *News of the World*.

At the *Daily Mirror*, Editor Piers Morgan emphasises the tremendous value for money Saturday newspapers offer. "We give a 28-page TV guide, 16 pages of sport and the main 36-page newspaper for 30p. The Sunday newspapers are more expensive but don't offer many extra ingredients." (*The Times* provides more than 200 pages on Saturdays for 50p.)

Nowhere is the battle fiercer than between the middle-market readers, the *Daily Mail* and the daily *Express*. The *Mail* outsells the *Express* on Saturdays by a whopping 1.3 million copies. By being the first tabloid to have a high-quality colour magazine and a new £50,000 scratchcard launched each Saturday, the *Mail* has surged ahead.

Now executives at the *Daily Mail* have opened a bloody new front in the newsagents' shops. Three thousand retailers have received a gift box from the *Mail* labelled "Express Relief". Inside the promotional blurb, circulation director Mike Newman spotlights the cost-saving measures the *Express* has undertaken recently. He claims that the *Sunday Express* has ceased to exist as the editorial staffs of the daily and Sunday have been combined to produce a seven-day newspaper. And he asks the retailer to send out eight days' free copies of the *Mail* to every home-delivered *Express* reader and in return promised to pay £5 for every new *Daily Mail* order won.

After years of being a promotional Cinderella, the new *Express* management is fighting back. It is exceeding the *Mail's* paging and has introduced a 100-page photogravure Saturday magazine on expensive 55-gram paper.

For the first time English readers have been able to take advantage of an *Express* direct cover price cut. Adopting what Editor Richard Addis calls guerrilla warfare tactics, the *Express* reduced its price in the London area to 10p for a week. He claims their "underdog pricing" increased sales by 30,000 copies a day but the proof will be in how many are retained at the regular 35p price.

One thing looks certain, the size and value of your newspaper is not going to stop growing. With the price of newsprint dropping and destined to fall even further next year, newspapers are likely to get even fatter. But with a continuing Saturday success story look out for more premium pricing, particularly among the tabloids.

- *Nicholas Lloyd is the former Editor of the* Daily Express

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Major facing revolt over rebuke

■ John Major was facing a revolt by Conservative rightwingers last night after publicly rebuking Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, for her suggestion that schools could bring back the cane.

Several leading backbenchers said that they would back an education Bill amendment to restore corporal punishment in state schools, even though Mrs Shephard told the Commons that the Government could not support it............... **Pages 1, 10**

Holocaust heritage sold

■ Records crashed as private collectors, museums and Holocaust survivors bid fiercely for art works that symbolise Austria's neglected Jewish past. The money raised in the auction in Vienna will go mainly to Jewish charities; some will help non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust........................**Page 1**

Abortion debate

The head of Scotland's Roman Catholics will seek a meeting with Tony Blair to try to clarify his position on abortion ....**Page 2**

Storms aftermath

Britain was struggling to get back on its feet after hurricane winds that killed five people and left a £150 million trail of destruction....................................**Page 3**

Police redirected

The Chief Inspector of Constabulary has told police to work harder to solve domestic burglaries after figures showed that less than a quarter of break-ins are cleared up.............................**Page 4**

Payments on way out

Plans to outlaw cheque book journalism and the "widespread mischief" of payments to witnesses were unveiled by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor ....**Page 5**

Regal splendour

You would not mistake the King of Thailand's royal flotilla for the Oxford and Cambridge boat race, but you might reasonably expect Cleopatra to glide by at any moment...............................*Page 7*

Bypass delay

A decision on the Salisbury bypass has been delayed by the Government in an attempt to avoid a damaging dispute with environmentalists before the general election ....**Page 8**

Painful truth

Pain brings out the differences between the sexes but women are not really more stoic than men.......................................**Page 9**

China's warning

China said foreign countries should not interfere in the trial of Wang Dan, the student leader during the Tiananmen Square demonstrations ....**Page 10**

Refugees' despair

Weeping from three days without food or water, two Hutu girls aged about nine found enough reserves of energy to fight over a *cob of corn*........................*Page 11*

Democrats concede

The Democratic Party capitulated in the face of a Republican lawsuit and agreed to publish a list of contributors .... **Page 12**

Taleban troops ready

The Taleban rulers of Kabul claimed that they were ready for a final offensive into northern Afghanistan..................... **Page 13**

West Bank riot

Israeli troops used live ammunition to break up Palestinian rioting after the funeral of an Arab boy allegedly beaten to death by a Jewish settler.................. **Page 14**

Monetary union doubt

Germany will fail to make the grade for European monetary union according to six leading economic institutes .... **Page 15**

Hot favourite wins Booker Prize

■ Graham Swift, a novelist who has expressed regret about the "racehorse element" of competitions, won the 1996 Booker Prize. While his novel *Last Orders*, a story of a bizarre day's outing, was the hot favourite, there had been rows between the judges. Last week *Last Orders* had sold only three copies in more than 600 monitored bookshops ....**Page 1**

RAY LITTLE

Students Paul Moore, left, and Garry Booth paddling in flood water on the river walkway near the raised Thames Barrier yesterday

BUSINESS

Water: Water companies faced a fierce attack from the industry regulator and were warned to curb prices after a series of large shareholder pay-outs and low spending on pipelines ....**Page 25**

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Fraud: Senior City figures and politicians are becoming increasingly concerned about plans to move experienced fraud squad officers away from their specialist area ....**Page 26**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell by 31.8 points to close at 3993.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 89.6 to 89.1 after a fall from $1.6123 to $1.6108 and from DM2.4505 to DM2.4315 ....**Page 28**

SPORT

Football: A win by Manchester United over Fenerbahce will virtually guarantee them a place in the European Cup quarter-finals for the first time in 28 years... **Page 48**

Rugby league: Leeds are to remain at Headingley after a takeover by a business consortium, which also hopes to persuade Yorkshire County Cricket Club to stay...... **Page 48**

Rugby union: Wasps are seeking two points after the postponement of their Courage Clubs Championship game against West Hartlepool, who cannot field a front row..**Page 45**

Tennis: Richard Krajicek, the Wimbledon champion, was beaten 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 by Alberto Berasategui in the second round of the Paris Open ....**Page 45**

Small screen: As BBC Television celebrates its sixtieth birthday, we look at the pioneers who raced to transmit their moving pictures before the Second World War pulled the plug.................................**Page 33**

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Entertaining: John Osborne's classic *Fifties play acquires plenty of* resonances for the Nineties, with Michael Pennington riveting in the title role..................................**Page 35**

Nigella Lawson says it is not the working mother but the self-deluding mother who may damage her children...................................**Page 17**

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Holding court: Companies back fashion but fashion is the backer tomorrow when Hugo Boss supports a gala to aid *The Royal Court* Theatre ....**Page 16**

Enduring and endearing: Only a *few ads survive more than a couple* of years. Amazingly, Heinz 57 Varieties is 100...................**Pages 22, 23**

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With one foot in the surgery, Yeltsin continues to battle against *Lebed, his greatest rival* . . . Now he has removed General Korzhakov, Lebed's greatest ally, from the army. In doing so, "Tsar" Boris has sacked a "Rasputin" . . . all the better to lay deadly mines in Lebed's likely path back to power

— *El Mundo*, Madrid

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FILM

Robert De Niro plays the stalking anti-hero of Tony Scott's baseball film *The Fan*

■ BOOKS

Antonia Fraser on the secret life of Aphra Behn and Peter Ackroyd on George Eliot

Preview: Children's reactions to parents breaking up are explored in *Modern Times* (BBC2, 9pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond is none the wiser after watching *Maxwell — The Downfall*...........................**Page 47**

Playing with fireworks

Like playing with fireworks, introducing the language of morality to politics can be dangerous; unless handled with care, it has a habit of blowing up in the politician's face..**Page 19**

Tarnished gold

It seems barely credible that it has taken more than 50 years to compensate countries for the looting they suffered at the hands of the Nazis..**Page 19**

Cars for couplets

Since the beginning of poetry, it has been the privilege of the wealthy man to support the versifying man..**Page 19**

PETER RIDDELL

Senior British politicians have been to America recently to pick up tips. My impression from watching congressional races and the presidential contest is that there is as much for British politicians to avoid as to copy...**Page 12**

SIMON JENKINS

The Tories should shut up about schools. Labour leads the Tories on health by six to one. The Tories should shut up about health. Unemployment and welfare give Labour a five-to-one lead; even on law and order the parties are neck and neck. All these ministers should be gagged ....**Page 18**

MELANIE PHILLIPS

Educational orthodoxy holds that the teacher is no longer the key to unlocking the mysteries of the world..**Page 18**

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The fearful lineaments of death seem still more terrible when set against sport's merriment and frivolity ....**Page 46**

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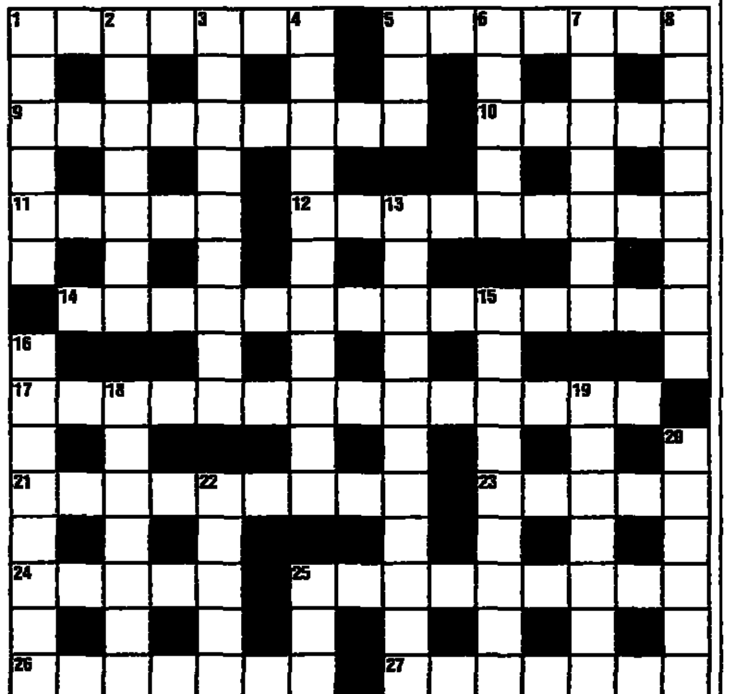

ACROSS

1 Lover of sport upset after a game's end (7).
5 *Exponents of popular games (7).*
9 Very good casting in talkies (9).
10 I go round city (5).
11 Record number (5).
12 Islanders have nothing for leader of countrymen (9).
14 Enemy takes both manoeuvres simultaneously (2,3,4,5).
17 Change ruining one team sport (14).
21 Will try getting last word before end of argument (9).
23 Fish's head coming out of seaweed (5).
24 Long time getting to the point (5).
25 A lot of men take retaliation on club (9).
26 Crime — only half of it has a motive (7).
27 Beat it! (7).

DOWN

1 Weigh Jenny? (6).
2 Car included in some severance pay (7).
3 Bound to pray when going round church (9).
4 You'll find Harris in one, shivering, whatever the weather (4,2,5).
5 Swimmer examined orally (3).
6 Took out old hat (5).
7 To which an estate may be entrusted for safe-keeping (7).
8 Provide information on offence ultimately meriting prison (4,4).
13 He describes how French upset ecclesiastical tribunal (11).
15 Xanthippe — name given to a monster without one? (9).
16 Stone frigate (8).
18 Superior sage put in a stew (7).
19 Careless, dropping book's wrapper (7).
20 Junket needs some money raised (6).
22 *Miss Wickfield collects silver* coins up (5).
25 Battle order put out by saint (3).

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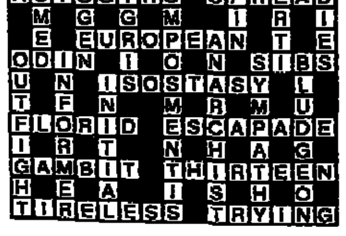

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Falmouth, Cornwall, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Falmouth, 0.61in; highest sunshine: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 8.6hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a dry day with variable amounts of cloud. The cloud will be thickest in the north, where there is the chance of showers. Later in the day thicker cloud will spread into southwestern regions. Winds will be light at first, picking up later.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy with occasional rain, mainly in the north and west at first with the best breaks in the east. Later more persistent, heavier rain will ease in from the west.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, NE England:** A chilly start then variable cloud but generally dry. Wind westerly light at first, later moderate. A little milder. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** Variable cloud with sunny intervals, becoming cloudier towards evening. Wind southwesterly, light, becoming moderate later. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** Ground frost in places at first, then bright or sunny with the small risk of a shower. Wind westerly, moderate, later southwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Ground frost in places at first, then bright or sunny spells and mostly dry. Wind southwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** Rather cloudy with outbreaks of rain, heavier and more persistent later. Wind southwesterly fresh, later fresh to strong with gales in more exposed places. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Friday:** Rain in the north spreading south. Windy again for a time.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.1	0.11	7	45	sh
Anglesey	2.5	0.09	11	52	b
Aspatria	7.5	0.08	9	48	s
Aviemore	6.1	0.15	6	43	s
Belfast	4.1	0.04	10	50	sh
Birmingham	X				
Bognor R	8.1	0.13	13	55	s
Bournem'th	X				
Bristol	7.2	0.45	13	55	s
Buxton	6.5	0.52	8	46	s
Cardiff	6.8	0.19	12	54	s
Clacton	5.2	0.02	11	52	s
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	2.9	0.05	11	52	b
Cromer	2.4	0.41	9	48	c
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	X				
Edinburgh	X				
Eskdalemuir	8.6	0.41	9	48	s
Exmouth	6.0	0.05	12	54	s
Falmouth	6.8	0.61	14	57	s
Fishguard	2.9	0.19	10	50	c
Folkestone	*5.9*	*0.25*	*12*	*54*	*s*
Glasgow	7.9	0.04	9	48	s
Guernsey	X				
Hastings	6.5	0.19	13	55	s
Hayling I	7.8	0.08	13	55	s
Herne Bay	6.0	0.12	11	52	s
Hove	5.5	0.07	13	55	b
Hunstanton	7.1	0.53	10	50	s
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	5.2	0.08	11	52	b
Jersey	4.9	0.41	14	57	b
Leeds	8.3	0.17	11	52	s
Lerwick	4.4	0.11	7	45	sh
Leuchars	7.4	0.13	9	48	s
Littlehmptn	7.3	0.07	12	54	s
London	6.9	0.07	12	54	s
Lowestoft	1.5	0.20	10	50	s
Manchester	5.7	0.21	11	52	s
Margate	4.7	0.21	11	52	s
Minehead	4.7	0.58	12	54	s
Morecambe	8.5	0.06	10	50	s
Newcastle	7.5	0.30	10	50	s
Norwich	2.5	0.33	10	50	sh
Oxford	7.0	0.13	11	52	b
Prestatyn	X	0.04	12	54	c
Ross-o-wye	5.8	0.03	13	55	s
Salcombe	6.8	0.13	14	57	s
Sandown	7.9	0.11	13	55	s
Saunton Snd	5.6	0.13	13	55	s
Scarboro'	6.4	0.04	9	48	s
Shanklin	7.8	0.05	13	55	s
Shrewsbury	4.0	0.01	11	52	sh
Skegness	8.0	0.46	11	52	s
Southend	6.7	0.09	X	X	s
Southport	*5.8*	*0.22*	*10*	*50*	*s*
Southsea	7.0	0.28	13	55	s
Stornoway	3.1	0.04	7	45	sh
Swanage	6.8	0.03	13	55	s
Teignmouth	5.9	0.05	13	55	s
Tenby	5.1	0.48	11	52	s
Tiree	5.8	0.02	9	48	sh
Torquay	6.9	0.12	14	57	s
Tynemouth	-	0.09	9	48	s
Ventnor	7.9	0.01	14	57	s
West-s-mare	6.3	0.22	13	55	s
Weymouth	5.8	0.01	13	55	b

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	*19*	*66*	*c*	*Corfu*	*18*	*64*	*f*	*Majorca*	21	70	f	Rome	18	64	s
Akrotiri	22	72	f	C'phagn	12	54	c	Malaga	19	66	s	S Fr'isco	13	55	s
Alex'dria	22	72	c	Dublin	13	55	c	Malta	20	68	f	S Paulo	25	77	c
Algiers	24	75	s	Dubrovnik	16	61	s	Melb'rne	16	61	f	Salzburg	15	59	c
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Faro	20	68	s	Mexico C	X			Santiago	31	88	s
Athens	17	63	f	Florence	13	55	d	Miami	28	82	s	Seoul	16	61	s
B Aires	24	75	f	Frankfurt	15	59	f	Milan	16	59	c	Sing'por	32	90	c
Bahrain	30	86	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Montreal	11	52	f	St'kholm	9	48	c
Bangkok	32	90	f	Geneva	16	61	s	*Moscow*	5	41	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Munich	17	63	s	Sydney	23	73	s
Barcelona	22	72	f	Helsinki	4	39	r	N Delhi	28	82	s	Tangier	21	70	s
Beirut	21	70	f	Hong K	28	82	s	N York	17	63	r	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Belgrade	11	52	f	Innsbrck	14	57	f	Nairobi	26	79	f	Tenerife	29	84	s
Berlin	14	57	c	Istanbul	12	54	f	Naples	18	64	f	Tokyo	15	59	r
Bermuda	22	72	s	Jeddah	33	91	s	Nice	19	66	s	Toronto	10	50	c
Biarritz	23	73	s	Jo'burg	26	79	f	Oslo	8	46	c	Tunis	22	72	s
Borde'x	17	63	c	L Angels	19	66	f	Paris	15	59	c	Valencia	24	75	s
Brussels	15	59	c	L Palmas	29	84	s	*Peking*	18	64	s	*Vanc'ver*	*11*	*52*	*f*
Budapest	7	45	d	Le Touqt	16	61	f	Perth	26	79	s	Venice	12	54	f
Cairo	23	73	f	Lisbon	19	66	f	Prague	12	54	f	Vienna	13	55	f
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Locarno	12	54	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	f	Warsaw	9	48	c
Ch'church	15	59	X	Luxembg	11	52	c	Rhodes	19	66	s	Wash'ton	20	68	f
Chicago	11	52	s	Luxor	26	79	s	Rio de J	23	73	f	Wel'ngton	19	66	X
Cologne	14	57	c	Madrid	20	68	s	Riyadh	30	86	s	Zurich	16	61	c

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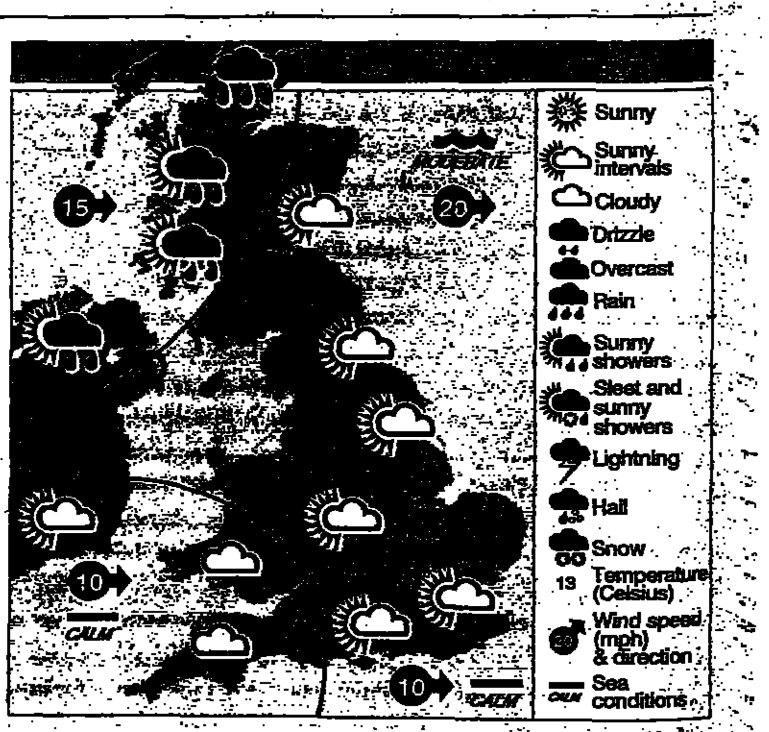

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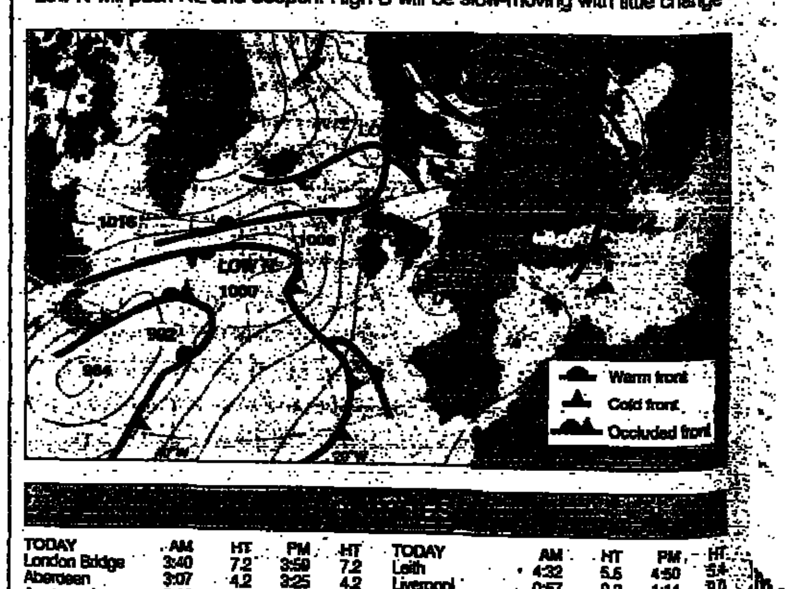

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London Bridge	3:40	7.2	3:59	7.2
Aberdeen	3:07	4.2	3:25	4.2
Avonmouth	9:10	12.9	9:29	12.5
Belfast	1:06	3.5	1:24	3.6
Cardiff	9:11	11.9	9:31	11.4
Devonport	7:41	5.4	7:56	5.2
Dover	0:53	6.7	1:11	6.7
Dublin (N Wall)	1:18	4.0	1:42	4.0
Falmouth	7:19	5.0	7:35	4.7
Greenock	2:30	3.6	2:37	3.8
Harwich	1:36	4.0	1:50	4.0
Holyhead	0:02	5.6	12:20	5.5
Hull (Albert D)	8:15	7.6	8:26	7.3
Ilfracombe	7:57	9.1	8:18	8.8
King's Lynn	8:17	6.6	8:35	6.5
Leith	4:32	5.6	4:50	5.4
Liverpool	0:57	9.2	1:14	9.0
Lowestoft	11:32	2.6	11:41	2.4
Margate	1:56	4.7	2:13	4.7
Milford Haven	8:10	6.9	8:31	6.6
Newquay	7:01	6.6	7:22	6.5
Oban	7:22	3.9	7:45	3.7
Penzance	6:33	5.5	6:52	5.3
Portland	8:36	2.1	8:55	1.9
Portsmouth	0:00	4.7	1:27	4.6
Shoreham	1:12	6.2	1:25	6.1
Southampton	0:29	4.5	12:49	4.5
Swansea	8:17	9.3	8:37	9.0
Tees	5:33	5.3	5:51	5.2
Walton-on-Naze	1:33	4.2	1:50	4.2

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Sun rises: 6.51 am
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London 4.37 pm to 6.53 am
Bristol 4.47 pm to 7.02 am
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30 1996

Ian Byatt, Director-General of Water Services, yesterday said that companies will have to explain how their dividends have been established

Ofwat demands price curb as dividends soar

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

WATER companies yesterday faced a fierce attack from the industry regulator and were warned to curb prices next year after a series of large shareholder payouts and lower-than-expected spending on pipelines.

Ian Byatt, Director-General of Water Services, said companies that had deviated from spending plans submitted to him in the last pricing review should not raise water prices to the limit allowed under the present regulatory system. He took a swipe at the rate of dividend payments compared with profit levels and investment, saying: "Unless there are very good reasons, I do not approve of dividend payments from the regulated business to the parent group which are in excess of what is needed to meet the cost of capital and to distribute to shareholders a proper share of the benefits of greater efficiency." Companies will have to explain to Ofwat how their dividends have been established.

Mr Byatt delivered his condemnation in Ofwat's annual report on financial performance and capital investment in the industry. It was released as Thames Water launched the reporting season for water companies with a 22 per cent increase in its interim dividend and a 15 per cent rise in underlying pre-tax profits.

Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, welcomed Ofwat's report as an endorsement of Labour's campaign against the behaviour of the water companies which it has waged in response to supply during the droughts and as a precursor for the planned utility windfall tax.

He said: "It really beggars belief that these monopolies have been allowed to make record profits, pay out record dividends and make record low investments during the year which was undoubtedly their record worst performance for the customers."

Ofwat will demand explanations from those companies who have underspent on their investment projections. It said not all companies had done so and there could be legitimate reasons in some instances.

Mr Byatt said there was no suggestion that water companies should be returned to annual monitoring of their spending as they experienced under state ownership. But he emphasised: "We must make sure that there is no slippage in their performance, which is critical to customers. These are serious issues which I am currently exploring with the companies concerned and with the quality regulators."

The Water Services Association, which represents nine of the ten large privatised water companies, said water companies remained committed to investment. Julia Langdon, director, said: "Many things influence the timing of investment. These include the development of new technical solutions, the acquisition of planning permissions and need to schedule work so as to cause minimum disruption and inconvenience to local communities." She also said that companies had to prioritise work, such as dealing with last year's drought, improving leakage rates and responding to changing patterns in the construction industry.

Mr Byatt underlined prospects for water bills to start falling in the next price review, set for 1999, when he said that many companies had shown they could become more efficient and improve services while cutting operating expenditure in real terms. He said these cost cuts could be passed on to customers at the next price review.

The Times teams up with Sky

BUSINESS journalists from *The Times* will be featured in a nightly television programme starting on Monday on British Sky Broadcasting.

Sky Business Report will be hosted by Michael Wilson on Sky News every weeknight at 8.30. The programme will include reports from *The Times* newsroom from leading commentators including Michael Clark, stock market correspondent; Lindsay Cook, business editor; Anne Ashworth, personal finance editor and Robert Miller, who was this week named as personal finance journalist of the year.

The programme will give highlights of the main business stories in the following day's edition of *The Times*. It will also focus on market trends, business technology, small businesses, corporate affairs and personal finance.

Sky News broadcasts 24 hours a day to over 70 million viewers in more than 40 countries. *Sky Business Report* will also be viewed on Sky News Australia and the Fox News' 24-hour US News Channel.

Thames Water increases interim payout 22%

By Our Industrial Correspondent

THAMES WATER ran into fresh controversy over utility dividends yesterday with a 22 per cent jump in its interim payment on the day the industry regulator issued a stern warning that companies should justify their payouts.

The company lifted its interim dividend, payable on February 4, to 11.2p. It said the increased payment has been fuelled by a reduction in the number of shares from a share buy-back programme, a strong contribution to profits from non-regulated businesses and "sound profit growth" in the regulated utility. Thames bought back 10 per cent of its shares in July.

Frank Dobson, Shadow environment spokesman, said the results and the dividend rise were signs that Thames was "fleecing" its customers. He said: "The scandal of privatised Thames Water just goes on and on. Interim profits are up by 15 per cent to £188 million , dividends are up 22 per cent. But the customers aren't benefiting. They're simply being fleeced."

Mr Dobson said the average bill in the Thames area had climbed from £99 to £181 since privatisation.

Thames, which has been reshaping its business after disappointing forays into noncore operations, increased pretax profits before exceptionals for the six months to September 30 by 15 per cent to £188 million. One-off items, including £12.2 million on the premium of repurchasing convertible bonds alongside its last buyback of shares, cut the headline profit rise to 6 per cent, to £176 million.

Sir Robert Clarke, chairman, pledged further investment. He said: "Our customers, who have the lowest bills in England and Wales, have again not had any restrictions imposed on their use of water even though we have had another exceptionally dry year. I am delighted to announce that, in addition to our present £350 million annual investment programme to improve services, we plan to invest a further £150 million over the next five years in a variety of projects."

Some of the extra cash will go to curbing leakage along with programmes to reduce sewer flooding. Plans to build a new reservoir in Oxfordshire are being brought forward and the company said it would also look at extending the ring main in London.

Operating costs for utility operations increased 1.5 per cent above inflation. Thames said this was largely because of higher costs stemming from the dry summer and efforts to improve services. It forecast the rise in operating costs to be below inflation by the full-year results.

The regulated utility part of Thames Water provided for a dividend of £41.6 million to the parent company — up 7.5 per cent.

Thames has largely withdrawn from design and contracting businesses and reported a rise in the profits of its non-regulated operations. Those businesses, including overseas projects, delivered pre-tax profits of £9 million, compared with a £3 million loss.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	3993.5	(-31.8)
Yield	3.91%	
FTSE All share	1963.50	(-12.38)
Nikkei	20958.08	(+72.76)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5978.32	(+5.59)*
S&P Composite	698.31	(+1.05)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{5}{16}$%*	($5\frac{5}{16}$%)
Long Bond	$100\frac{9}{32}$*	($99\frac{23}{32}$)
Yield	6.73%*	(6.84%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$5\frac{21}{32}$%	($5\frac{21}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	$109\frac{25}{32}$	($109\frac{22}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6101*	(1.6125)
London:		
$	1.6101	(1.6121)
DM	2.4316	(2.4508)
FFr	8.2233	(8.2757)
SFr	2.0214	(2.0317)
Yen	183.71	(184.18)
£ Index	89.1	(89.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5080*	(1.5194)
FFr	5.0994*	(5.1325)
SFr	1.2545*	(1.2610)
Yen	114.14*	(114.26)
$ Index	97.3	(97.5)

Tokyo close Yen 114.04

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$23.20	($23.90)

GOLD

London close	$381.70	($383.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Fraud concern

Senior City figures and politicians are becoming increasingly concerned about plans to move experienced Fraud Squad officers away from their specialist area and on to other unrelated duties. **Page 26**

More jobs

The creation of thousands of North Sea oil jobs was signalled when the Government approved a pipeline to Bacton in Norfolk from three new oil and gas discoveries. **Page 26**

Bock's Lonrho stake for Anglo

By Alasdair Murray

DIETER BOCK, said yesterday he would step down as chief executive of Lonrho, the mining, hotels and African trading company, and announced that he was selling his remaining stake in the company for £258 million to Anglo-American, the South African mining company.

He opted to put his 18.3 per cent stake in the company at 180p a share, fulfilling the terms of an agreement struck with Anglo in April. He will become non-executive deputy chairman of the company. Nicholas Morrell, previously deputy managing director, will become chief executive.

Mr Bock said that he was selling the stake because he did not want to have influence at a crucial stage of the company's planned break-up and wanted to allay suspicion he would conclude the sell-off in terms that most suited his own interests.

Mr Bock has also previously suggested that he would be interested in reinvesting the proceeds in Lonrho's African trading interests once the break-up is complete.

The deal with Anglo, which now holds a 26 per cent stake in Lonrho, quashes speculation that the company had managed to unravel the option agreement with Mr Bock.

Anglo insisted yesterday that its interest in Lonrho had never cooled, but ruled out making a takeover bid for the rump mining company once

Bock: stepping down

Lonrho completed its plans to spin off its hotel and African trading interests.

Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman of Anglo, said the company was making a long-term investment and was looking forward to supporting Lonrho's mining businesses.

Anglo has been keen to expand its interests beyond its South African base. It insisted that it had established a good relationship with the Ashanti Goldfield company, in which Lonrho holds 30 per cent, although ultimate control rests with the Ghanaian Government.

Lonrho added yesterday that it was close to finalising the sale of its hotel division. Prince al-Waleed bin Talal is believed to have offered about £350 million for the Princess chain, while Stakis, the leisure group, is rumoured to be the front-runner for the £300 million Metropole chain.

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Consumer credit grows by more than £1bn again

By Alasdair Murray

CONSUMER credit growth in September topped £1 billion for the third month running, while home loans approvals continued to rise, suggesting the pause in the high street recovery last month is likely to prove temporary.

Consumer credit grew by £1.06 billion, despite a 0.3 per cent fall in retail sales and market expectations of a rise of around £830 million. The figures also showed that consumers were switching from credit card borrowing to credit deals offered by retailers. Growth in net mortgage lending slipped back in September from £1.58 billion to £1.35 billion. But the number of new mortage loans continued to increase, with 94,000 new approvals in September, a 30 per cent rise year-on-year.

M4, the measure of broad money supply, rose 0.8 per cent in September, bringing the annual growth rate to 9.9 per cent — just above the Government's monitoring range. Figures from the leading banks meanwhile, showed that total lending had risen £8.2 billion in the three months to the end of September, compared with £10.2 billion in the second quarter.

Stores warn of £3.5bn cost of EMU switch

By Sarah Cunningham

EUROPEAN Monetary Union could land Britain's shops with a £3.5 billion bill unless current Brussels proposals are amended, retailers said yesterday.

The euro is due to go into general circulation in January 2002, three years after EMU is implemented. The British Retail Consortium (BRC) recommends that, if Britain joins EMU, the switch to the new currency should occur overnight, as happened with decimalisation 25 years ago, rather than have the euro and the pound running in parallel for six months, as is currently proposed. The BRC also wants any switch delayed until February, a much quieter trading month.

These changes could cut to £1.7 billion the cost to be borne by consumers, retailers, shareholders and taxpayers, said the BRC. The cost to retailers across the EU is estimated at £22 billion.

The BRC said that it is neither for nor against Britain joining EMU. However, it said that retailers would be at the front line of implementation and would need three years to prepare. The £3.5 billion bill includes the cost of labelling in two currencies, training staff and adjusting software.

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Loss of experienced fraud fighters worries City

By Robert Miller

SENIOR City figures, politicians and fraudbusters are becoming increasingly concerned about plans to move experienced fraud squad officers away from their specialist area and move them on to unrelated duties.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Police Federation in London today the question of career management policy or tenure is expected to generate a heated debate over the most effective way to tackle the growing wave of international fraud. Much of the proceeds of such crimes are being laundered through the London banking system.

Under the controversial tenure policy it is planned to move officers after they have completed 15 consecutive years in a specialist area. One concession wrung from the authorities, however, is that the "specialists" could reapply to return to their former role after a two-year posting elsewhere. But because of the highly specialised nature of fraud investigations, which often cross a number of international jurisdictions, senior figures have gone on the record to spell out their concerns to *The Times*.

George Staple, Director of the Serious Fraud Office, said: "Co-operation with police fraud squads and ourselves has generally been very good. But both the police and ourselves have to stay ahead of the fraudster. That means a high degree of specialisation which police officers must be given the opportunity to achieve by their long-term involvement in the investigation of serious fraud."

Mr Staple cited three of the most high-profile investigations, Bank of Credit and Commerce International, the Sumitomo copper affair and Barings, where the same police officers have been involved and brought an "enormous" amount of knowledge to bear.

Richard Clark, a partner in Slaughter & May, the City law firm that recovered £6 million for the Salvation Army after it fell victim to an international fraud, said: "Fraud is a highly technical area which requires specialist knowledge and accumulated experience. It would be unfortunate if the ability of officers specialising in fraud was undermined by them being unable to remain in their specialist area."

Mike O'Brien, Labour's shadow Treasury spokesman, said: "The concern must be that moving experienced officers to other duties could undermine the important fight against complex fraud." Ian Westwood, vice chairman of the Police Federation, said there should be flexibility in implementing the tenure policy, particularly in specialist areas such as fraud.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Forecasters urge tax rise in Budget

THE CHANCELLOR should raise taxes in the Budget next month if he is to put public finances on a sound footing for the future, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research says in its latest forecast, published today. The institute advocates tax rises of approaching £3 billion, but assumes a cut of £4 billion in its economic forecasts as the likeliest outcome. This would encompass a reduction of income tax of 1p in the pound and increases in allowances.

Even after tax cuts next month, the institute believes that the public deficit will ease to less than 1 per cent of gross domestic product in the fiscal year 1998/99 and move to a surplus in 1999/2000. However, this depends on the Government maintaining very tight control of public spending, says the institute, which also forecasts that output will rise by more than 3 per cent in 1997 and 1998, and that unemployment will fall to below two million in the first quarter of next year and fall towards 1.75 million at the end of the century.

Unit trust sales fall

UNIT trust sales to private investors fell by more than £140 million in September to £204.9 million, the lowest monthly figure this year. Statistics from the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds, however, show that overall net investment in the 1,666 unit trusts now on offer rose by £160 million to £825.2 million. Investors cashing in last month accounted for an outflow of £1.2 billion compared with £1 billion in August. Sales of unit trust personal equity plans at £327 million were £20 million higher while corporate bond Peps sold £76 million against £62 million in August.

Confidence limited

AN INDEPENDENT consumer watchdog has found that one in three investors have no confidence about leaving their money with a financial institution for a long time. The annual report from the independent consumer panel of the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) also calls for regulation to be extended to mortgage advice and long-term care protection. In the report, the panel adds: "We want people to have easy access to complaint and redress mechanisms."

Zeneca turns up volume

ZENECA, the drugs group, reported a 14 per cent jump in sales to £4.01 billion in the first nine months of 1996. However, profit-taking after a recent strong run pushed down the shares 38½p to £17.11½. The company said the rise in sales was almost entirely because of strong volume growth. In its pharmaceuticals division, volumes were helped by new product launches, but pricing pressures continue, particularly in Japan and some European countries.

Pressac pulls ahead

OVERSEAS demand helped Pressac Holdings, the car parts manufacturer, to turn in its strongest year-end results as its exports overtook its domestic turnover for the first time. A 29 per cent lift in its sales to the US helped overall turnover to rise 20 per cent to £19.7 million. This took profits to £6.45 million (£4.61 million) before tax, leaving earnings of 11.3p (9.01p) per share. A final dividend of 2.91p, payable on December 13, makes a yearly total of 3.9p (3.5p).

Flemings to close fund

FLEMINGS, the investment trust house, plans to wind up the Fleming High Income Investment Trust because of disappointing performance. The 7,000 investors with £35 million in the fund will be offered either cash or a switch to the £170 million Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust, the Save & Prosper Growth Fund, the Save & Prosper Premier Equity Income Fund, or the Save & Prosper Cash fund. Flemings and Save & Prosper are both subsidiaries of Robert Fleming.

Hotel float still on

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND HOTELS has confirmed it still aims to come to market early next month in a flotation that will value the company at £30.4 million. Doubts had been raised about the viability of a further hotel float after Principle Hotels decided to pull its flotation last week. But Hamish Grossart, chairman of Scottish, said the company had received strong institutional support and the float should proceed as planned on November 11 at a placing price of 125p.

Hidden insurance costs

HOUSEHOLDERS are paying £1.1 billion in hidden commission on home insurance, Direct Line, the UK's largest telephone-based insurer, has claimed. This equals 20 per cent of all premiums paid in 1995, it said. The insurer accused rival banks and building societies of "restrictive practices" in home insurance and called for the law to split insurance from home loans. Intermediaries employed by banks and societies alone earned £720 million on home insurance in 1995, it said.

Reprieve on school fees

THE TREASURY has announced a reprieve for thousands of parents and grandparents threatened with loss of tax relief on school fees annuity plans after the Charity Commission withdrew the plans' charitable status earlier this year. Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, yesterday confirmed that plans taken out on or before June 20 1996 will continue to operate tax free, even if they have lost charitable status. Income from plans taken out after June 20 will be taxed.

Pipeline promises North Sea jobs boost

By George Sivell

THE CREATION of thousands of North Sea oil jobs was signalled yesterday when the Government approved construction of a pipeline to Bacton in Norfolk from a clutch of three new oil and gas discoveries.

The Shearwater, Elgin and Franklin fields will soak up £2.5 billion of development costs.

The Shell group estimated yesterday that the British offshore construction industry would benefit to the tune of 4,000 man years.

The decision to build the pipeline to Bacton rather than Teesside, however, will disappoint British Gas. The company had lobbied hard to land the gas in the North of England.

The Labour party also protested against the decision. John Battle, the shadow minister for energy and industry, stated: "There is very little transparency of decision-making from the Government. On the one hand they say that they want to make Teesside the chemical capital of Europe, yet on the other, they have allowed the gas effectively to be piped straight to Europe when it could have been of significant benefit to Teesside."

Shell UK Exploration and Production declared yesterday, however, that without approval of the new transport route to existing gas receiving facilities at Bacton, "development of Shearwater would not have proceeded".

Shell added that a "product stream providing chemicals feedstock could be routed through a new pipeline link to the central area transmission system to Teesside, depending on future demand in that location".

The Elgin, Franklin and Shearwater fields will boost the chemical, construction and gas industries in Teesside, Grangemouth and Bacton.

Shell yesterday awarded more than £320 million of contracts to Amec and SLP Engineering on Tyneside and Teesside.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said: "Shell and Elf, the fields' operators, have put to me a proposal to separate offshore oil and substantial quantities of feedstocks to be piped to BP's Grangemouth plant, and to build a new pipeline to pipe the gas to Bacton in Norfolk.

"It has been suggested that I should direct the companies to build the pipeline to Teesside. I have concluded that I could not properly overrule the oil companies' proposals. Their preferred option keeps down the cost of extracting the oil and gas by some £200 million. Indeed, the companies have told me that without this pipeline route, the Shearwater project would not be economically viable and therefore might not go ahead.

"At the same time I have taken a number of measures to reassure the Teesside Chemicals Initiative (TCI) of the Government's long term commitment to the chemicals industry on Teesside."

HENRY ROBERTS, chief executive of Northumbrian Fine Foods, yesterday anounced the company's first interim dividend payment in four years. The company reported a 10 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £409,000. The results were helped by a rise in productivity at its biscuit plant at Gateshead, after £1 million was invested in modernising production. After a full year from its wholesale distribution plant in Luton, overall sales were 8 per cent better, at £14.6 million. Earnings were 0.67p (0.6p) per share, leaving a 0.05p dividend, due on December 17.

Inquiry leads to fraud charges

By Philip Jeune

A SWISS bank in Jersey, one of its senior managers, and a former partner of Touche Ross, the accountant, face a total of 29 charges of fraud after investigations of alleged currency trading losses of $26.7 million.

Cantrade Private Bank Switzerland (CI) Ltd, a subsidiary of Union Bank of Switzerland, says it will deny the 12 offences alleged to have committed between 1988 and 1993. The bank has suspended the manager involved, Peter Stoneman, pending the resolution of the nine charges against him.

The bank and Mr Stoneman have been charged under the Investors (Prevention of Fraud) (Jersey) Law, their alleged offences relating to the making of misleading and reckless statements and concealing material facts.

The former Touche Ross partner, Alfred Williams, a tax adviser who retired in 1994, faces eight charges alleging that he made reckless, misleading, false or deceptive statements.

All 29 charges relate to currency trading carried out in Jersey by Robert Young, who faced two fraud charges in Jersey in August. Ninety investors, who placed substantial funds with Dr Young via Swiss investment managers, allege that massive losses were hidden from them.

Dr Young, now at his Nottingham home on £10,000 bail, denies falsifying profit figures and concealing losses.

His company, Anagram Econometrics Ltd, was refused membership of the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers in 1988.

Civil actions have been brought in Jersey against Cantrade and Touche Ross. Mr Williams is alleged to have audited Dr Young's figures claiming trading profits. Both Cantrade and Touche Ross deny the allegations.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
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Austria Sch	18.16	16.66
Belgium Fr	53.23	48.93
Canada $	2.270	2.110
Cyprus Cyp£	0.776	0.721
Denmark Kr	9.94	9.14
Finland Mkk	7.89	7.24
France Fr	8.64	7.99
Germany Dm	2.59	2.38
Greece Dr	398	373
Hong Kong $	13.07	12.07
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.04	0.96
Israel Shk	5.50	4.85
Italy Lira	2556	2401
Japan Yen	197.60	181.60
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.888	2.658
New Zealand $	2.43	2.21
Norway Kr	10.86	10.06
Portugal Esc	257.50	239.00
S Africa Rd	8.08	7.28
Spain Pta	212.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.15	1.97
Turkey Lira	157600	149600
USA $	1.707	1.577

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Watchdog delays gas competition

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

ONE-AND-A-HALF million gas customers face a longer wait before they can shop around for their gas supplies.

The delayed extension of gas competition, announced yesterday by Ofgas, was made to give British Gas more time to adapt its systems.

Dorset and the old county of Avon will get competitive supplies in household gas from February 10, while Kent and East and West Sussex should benefit after March 7. The two dates are about a month later than anticipated.

The change comes after a series of hitches in the first round of competition in the South West. Many consumers complained that they had been mistakenly transferred to new suppliers and a substantial number received freak bills from British Gas for end-of-account settlement after problems with computers at TransCo, the pipelines division.

The Gas Consumers Council welcomed the delay. Sue Slipman, the director, said: "GCC wants domestic competition to be a success. If problems are not ironed out by the start of phase two it could bring domestic competition into disrepute."

Chernin appointed first president of News Corp

By Our Business Staff

PETER CHERNIN has been appointed president and chief operating officer of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*. He is the first person to hold the title. Mr Chernin, 45, is currently chairman and chief executive of Fox Filmed Entertainment.

Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of News Corp, said that the North American operations of the group would be consolidated under the Fox Group, of which Mr Chernin will be chairman and chief executive officer.

Chase Carey, 42, is appointed co-chief operating officer and will continue as chairman and chief executive of Fox Television.

Mr Chernin, Mr Carey and Lachlan Murdoch, who was appointed managing director of News Limited in Australia during September, have been elected to the News Corp board.

The office of the chairman will be established with management responsibility for the worldwide operations of News Corp and will consist of Rupert Murdoch, Mr Chernin, Mr Carey, David De Voe, senior executive vice-president and chief financial officer, and Arthur Siskind, senior executive vice-president and group general counsel.

"These appointments are designed to strengthen the management and coordination of the company throughout the world," Mr Murdoch said. "I look forward to working even closer with Messrs Chernin and Carey. With their widely expanded responsibilities I expect them to make a huge contribution both to our strategic planning and to the effectiveness of all our operations."

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Electricity bid battle hotting up

By Christine Buckley

CE ELECTRIC, the UK arm of the US group making a hostile bid for Northern Electric, bought more shares in the regional electricity company yesterday. Its holding is now expected to top 13 per cent.

A range of large institutions told the Stock Exchange they had sold large stakes in Northern, which is attempting to fight its second hostile bid in as many years.

CE Electric, a venture between US companies CalEnergy and Peter Kiewit, is refusing to make its offer final amid speculation that an agreed deal could be struck for a higher price. It has offered 630p an ordinary share, while Northern has indicated £7 as a more realistic figure.

The share price fell 8½p to 639½p yesterday. But unless there are further substantial falls, the US group will probably have to raise its offer.

Scholar team targets Nottingham Forest

By Jason Nissé

IRVING SCHOLAR, the former Tottenham Hotspur chairman whose desperate attempts to shore up club finances in the early Nineties led him to a controversial deal with Robert Maxwell, has emerged as part of a three-man consortium planning a £30 million deal to take over Nottingham Forest, the Premiership football club.

The main force behind the bid is Lawrie Lewis, a founder of Blenheim, the exhibitions group that was bought by United News & Media this month for £600 million.

The third member of the group is Phil Soar, a football historian and Forest fan who replaced Mr Lewis as Blenheim's managing director in 1991 but was forced to resign three years later.

They are proposing to buy the club for £5 million and inject a further £5 million, with the idea of floating Forest on the stock market to raise another £20 million. The bid comes as a rival to an offer from Grant Bovey, the entrepreneur behind Watershed Pictures, the video maker.

Scholar: consultant's role

Forest has hired Price Waterhouse, the accountant, to find a new owner for the club, which is currently controlled by 209 shareholders.

At least three quarters of the shareholders have to vote in favour of the proposals for a deal to proceed. Fred Reader, Forest's chairman, will give an update tomorrow on the sale plans at the club's annual meeting, at which he is also expected to stand down.

Mr Lewis, who lives in Monaco, plans to be club chairman in spite of having little interest in football.

Mr Scholar will be a consultant on footballing matters. He was Spurs chairman for nine years, during which time it became the first publicly quoted football club in England.

In 1990, his deal to borrow money from Mr Maxwell to complete the purchase of Gary Lineker led to censure from the Stock Exchange. He left after Spurs was rescued by a consortium led by Terry Venables and Alan Sugar the next year.

Lotus revs up for £64 rescue dea

By Fraser Nelson

LOTUS, the troubled car ma ufacturer, is expected to a nounce today that it has stru a £64 million rescue deal wi Proton, the Malaysian c manufacturer, saving the Bri ish motoring legend from a uncertain future.

Proton is understood t have offered £52 million for a 80 per cent stake, while agree ing to take on £12 million o Lotus's debt. Romano Artioli the Lotus chairman, will retain the remaining 20 per cent.

The deal comes after Lotus's failed negotiations with Daewoo, the Korean car manufacturer, and Chris Evans, chairman of TOAD, the car security company. Mr Evans, who raised £50 million in preparation for the deal, said he had pulled out after discovering that General Motors had withdrawn its custom. The order made up more than half of Lotus's sales.

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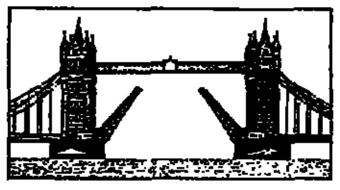

☐ YOU would think it slightly peculiar if the electricity to your home was regularly interrupted during the evening because too many people were watching *Coronation Street*. British Gas has not yet — not yet, though give them time — had to disconnect its customers in their thousands because it is a bit chilly outside. Even the telephone system gets cheaper and more reliable year by year.

By the standards of other utilities, the water industry is offering an appalling service. Much of the industry is unable to supply its main commodity in the quantity its customers demand for months at a time. We take this for granted, however hard we grumble, because water is somehow different.

Labour, though it may at first have flailed around attacking all available targets in the utilities, has realised lately that on water the party may be on the safest ground. The party chose the day before the start of the interim reporting season to "reveal" the disquiet of Ian Byatt, the water regulator, about rising dividends and falling investment. This was confirmed by Mr Byatt, whose annual report on the day Thames Water announced its figures also does not look like coincidence.

The difference in approach is instructive. Mr Byatt merely suggests, in tones that express more sorrow than anger, that there seem to be cases where companies were spending more money on their shareholders than on keeping the pipes in good repair. He wondered why those companies had not taken the opportunity to explain the doubtless excellent reasons why this should be. He pointed no finger of blame.

Labour named the guilty men. The biggest cuts in investment were by North West, already labelled the biggest fat cat of them all and so a fair target, Severn Trent and, oh yes, Thames. All very unscientific, taking just one year's figures, and probably unfair, but good politics.

Assume, for a moment, a Labour government. A windfall utilities tax is then inevitable, with water bearing the brunt. Again unfair, and possibly counter-productive in its effects on investment, but again good politics. Labour is looking towards a form of regulation that is effectively profit-sharing, splitting the excess above given profit limits between company and consumer. The disadvantage is that it encourages under-reporting of profits. Mr Byatt is moving that way, if slowly, by linking achieved investment levels to allowed price increases.

The paradox is that by shouting so loud about a utilities tax, Labour is tempting companies to offload as much spare cash as they can to shareholders before the election. A tax thereafter would genuinely deprive them of cash needed for investment, and repairs to cut leaks.

And guess which three companies, according to the regulator, have the worst record for leaks? Yorkshire, of course, Severn Trent again — and Thames.

Fewer moves to combat fraud

☐ REGULAR career moves make sense in many areas of policing. No one is perfect, and too long an immersion in vice, or drugs, or any other specialised area carries the danger of, to put it at its politest, going native. Fraud is a little different. For all the gung-ho talk about beating international fraud, the truth is that at best the fraudbusters are just about stemming the flow of illegal money entering the British banking system. What is worrying agencies such as the Serious Fraud Office is that if that policy of tenure is applied rigidly to fraud sqauds then years, often decades of experience, are lost.

Investigations involving such scams as Nigerian letters, standby letters of credit or advanced fee fraud often take years and cross four or five, or even more, jurisdictions. At the end, investigators are lucky if they can prosecute even one of the ringleaders. Experience gleaned on such cases is invaluable for later inquiries, as are the personal contacts built up with overseas agencies such as Interpol, the FBI and others. More than $50 billion has flowed out of the former Soviet Union since the collapse of communism, much of it absorbed directly into the international and banking systems. Most is almost certainly the proceeds of organised crime.

Most serving police officers accept that in the past there have been corrupt links between police and villains. But pay and conditions have improved and the chances of fraud squad officers, and most other policemen, becoming too close to their quarry is far less likely nowadays. Rather than force fraud squad officers to move on, possibly to be lost for good, one suggestion gaining support from those on the ground is that recruits should spend longer on other police duties before being seconded to fraud.

Currently, officers are moving into fraud after only short periods elsewhere. Far better they should gain experience in a broad variety of policing work before ending up in their chosen specialisation. There has been plenty said about the difficulty of jurors facing up to fraud trials; the police have a steep learning curve to climb too.

Nightmare on EMU street

☐ IF anything can be said for certain about the eventual switch-over to European Monetary Union, it is that the first few days will be a nightmare. Comparisons are being drawn with Decimal Day in 1971, but they are false. D-Day required a fairly simple conversion rate, 240 to 100. By contrast, the ecu is currently standing at 1.2687 to the pound, not a sum that lends itself easily to mental arithmetic.

The opportunities for a little fraud by retailers are plentiful — there was enough around in 1971. A big difference, though, is that in the early 1970s retail transactions were conducted in cash and by cheque. A conversion to a new currency today would require the overhaul of the software controlling every online direct debit and credit card payment system. The opportunities for electronic chaos — well, one might prefer to stick with the fraud alone.

The views of the British Retail Consortium, that the switch-over will need three years of preparation, look optimistic. They are repeating only what the City has been saying for years, that those preparations require a decision to be made well ahead of any conceivable political timetable. If the political decision to stay out then goes against the practical decision to prepare for going in, an awful lot of money is going to be wasted by all concerned.

There used to be — there may still be — a quaint little pub near the Angel, Islington, whose unique selling point was to price everything in the old, pre-decimal money. Any budding entrepreneur looking for a new theme for a chain of bars come 2002 might give the place a visit.

Kicked off?

☐ CHELSEA Village, owner of the football club, yesterday gave its unanimous support to Ken Bates, the chairman, after speculation that he might be replaced by Peter Middleton, the former Lloyd's boss. This must be the same "unanimous support" traditionally given in soccer to a club's manager on the eve of his dismissal. Expect Mr Bates's departure by Christmas, then.

Chairman of Matthew Clark dies

By Alasdair Murray

MATTHEW CLARK, the troubled drinks company, announced yesterday that Michael Cottrell, chairman, had died on Monday.

Mr Cottrell, 57, became chairman in 1992 and oversaw Matthew Clark's transformation into a major cider and drinks company through the acquisitions of Taunton and Gaymer. Mr Cottrell, who was also chairman of Enterprise Inns, was previously chairman of Taunton and managing director of Courage, the brewers.

The company said that Michael Garner, a non-executive director, would serve as acting chairman while the company hunted for a successor to Mr Cottrell.

Matthew Clark, which issued a profits warning in September, also unveiled a number of other management changes as the company began to outline its strategy to restore the company to growth. The company's shares have more than halved since it issued the warning, which blamed the growth in popularity of "alcopops" for a collapse in sales of its premium packaged cider brands.

Peter Aikens, chief executive, has assumed direct control of the branded drinks division. The company is also seeking to appoint a marketing director at board level, while Andrew Nash, currently managing director, will leave because the position is becoming redundant.

Matthew Clark added that it would boost its marketing and sales team in the branded drinks division and is looking to recruit 40 additional personnel. The conclusions of a strategic review of the division, which produces brands such as Diamond White and Dry Blackthorne, will be completed by early January. The iniatives pleased the City and the shares rose 15p to close at 315p.

Float may conjure up £66m value for Druid

DRUID, an IT consultancy, is coming to the stock market via a placing that could value the company at up to £65.9 million (Fraser Nelson writes).

The company hopes to raise £6 million from new shares, of which 14.4 million will be available to investors. It will use the money to redeem £3.3 million of its preference shares and to open a new office.

Druid, formed from a management buyout in 1993, works exclusively with business software. More than 90 per cent of its business comes from SAP software, Europe's largest-selling integrated business system.

In the year to June 30 Druid had pre-tax profits of £3 million (£1.3 million) from sales of £12 million (£6.2 million). It has forecast that it will make at least £1.75 million in the current half.

SBC Warburg estimates the value of shares at between 230p and 290p each.

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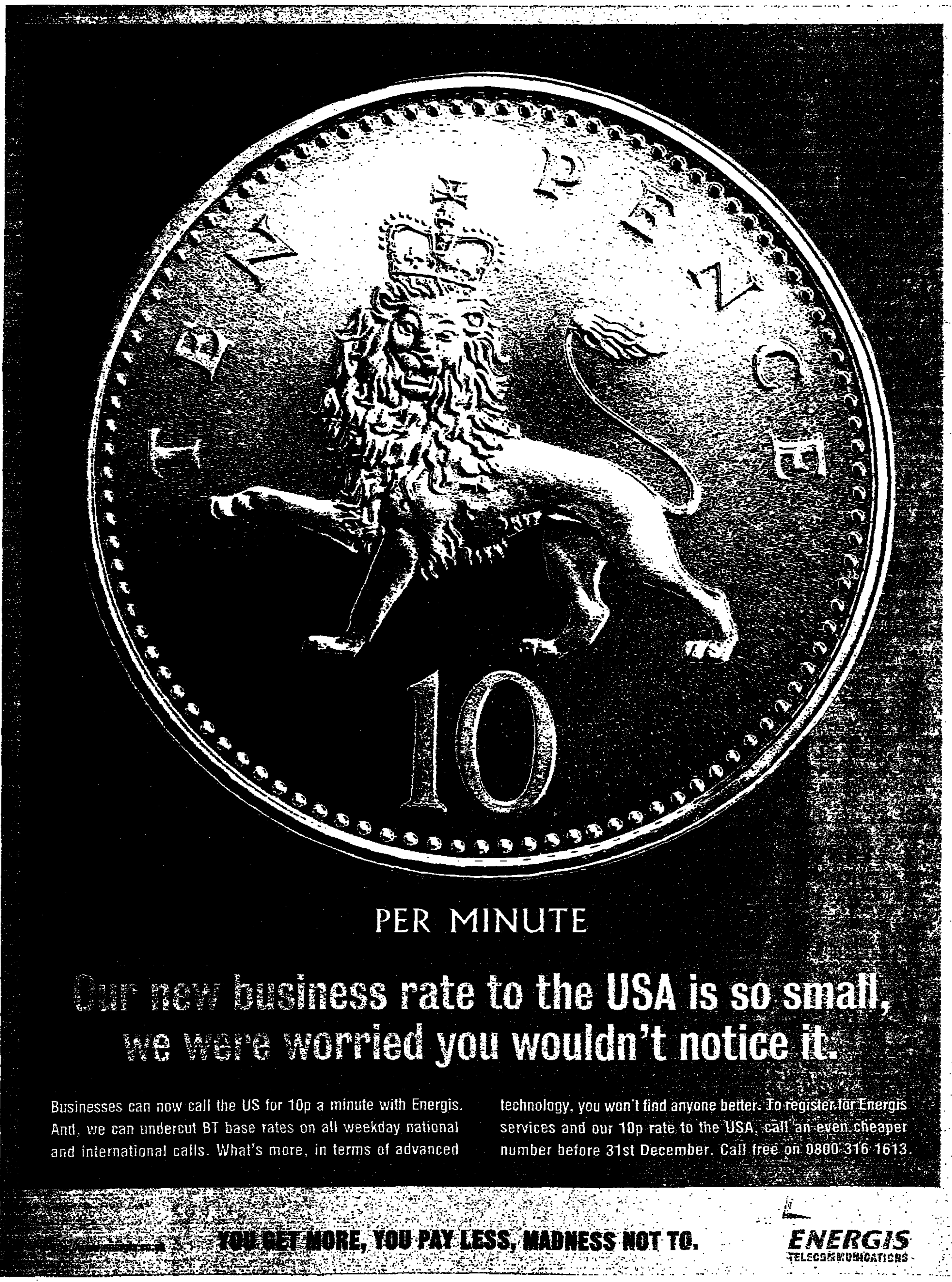

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Pearson at record high as Carlton waits in the wings

ANOTHER burst of speculative buying lifted **Pearson**, the multimedia specialist, to yet another high amid claims that **Carlton Communications** may be ready to pounce.

Pearson, which owns the *Financial Times*, Madame Tussauds, Thames Television, Penguin Books and Lazard Brothers merchant bank, finished 18½p dearer at a high of 756½p as 3.6 million shares changed *hands in a thin* market.

Only last week, BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, denied claims it was ready to bid. This time it was Carlton said to be lining up a bid of around 800p a share, valuing Pearson at £4.56 billion.

Any move is likely to be rejected by Pearson's beefed-up management that included the appointment of Majorie Scardino as chief executive. Carlton, the independent broadcaster which now controls the independent television franchise for the London midweek area, has continued to confound the City by its seeming reluctance to *make any further acquisitions*, despite intense speculation to the contrary.

Some say Carlton may choose to wait until after the laws on media ownership are relaxed next month, allowing the group to make a bid for another broadcaster. A spokesman for Carlton denied the group planned to bid for Pearson. Carlton ended 2p easier at 503p, where the group carries a stock market price tag of almost £3 billion.

The rest of the equity market continued to lose ground after the overnight setback for the Dow Jones average. It dipped back below the 4,000 level as investors turned cautious ahead of next week's US presidential election. An opening *rally last night by the Dow* failed to inject any renewed enthusiam, with the FT-SE 100 index closing 31.8 points down at 3,993.5 in thin volume of 694 million shares.

Profit-taking hit **Northern Electric** after the bid and subsequent dawn raid by by CE Electric, the US power generator. The price finished the day 8½p cheaper at 639½p as almost 4.5 million shares changed hands.

The terms of the bid value Northern at £677 million. Hopes among City speculators about a higher price being paid by CE Electric appear to be fading. Last week's refusal by the Government to allow bids by Severn Trent and Wessex for South West to proceed makes a home-grown counterbid seem remote. **East Midlands Electricity**, another possible takeover target, finished 3p easier at 542½p.

Takeover favourite **Zeneca** was an early casualty as the profit-takers moved in after the recent strong run. At one stage the price dropped to £17.07 before closing off the bottom with a fall of 38½p at £17.17½p. The move coincided with the latest trading statement from the company revealing a 14 per cent rise in group sales. Pharmaceutical sales have also risen 14 per *cent to £1.7 billion, but brokers* say Zeneca is continuing to lag behind the progress made by some of its rivals. Brokers like Credit Lyonnais Laing are reluctant to urge clients to sell the shares, despite their high rating, saying the potential for a bid for Zeneca, or even a merger, is still high.

British Biotech fell 20p to 220½p as a large parcel of shares went through the market. Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, placed a total of 21 million shares with various clients at 215p on behalf of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank.

The sale, by two of the three suspended Morgan Grenfell asset management funds, raised £45.1 million and reduced Deutsche Morgan *Grenfell's stake* to 30 million shares, or around 5 per cent.

Water shares gained ground after the industry regulator called for them to explain their dividend policies. **Thames Water**, which kicked off the interim dividend season with some impressive profit numbers, rose 7½p to 552½p. There were also gains for **Hyder**, 20p to 706½p, **Severn Trent**, 13p to 617½p, and **Yorkshire Water**, 18p to *604½p*. **South West** fell a further 2½p to 592½p.

Speculative buying lifted **Lonrho** 4½p to 163½p despite denials from Anglo American that it intends to make a full bid after the purchase of an 18.3 per cent stake belonging to Dieter Bock, the Lonrho chief executive. It lifts Anglo's total holding to almost 26 per cent, which it describes as a long-term investment.

News that **Matthew Clark** intends to maintain the interim dividend was warmly received by the City and the shares rallied 15p to 315p.

Bumper profits lifted **Pressac Holdings**, the specialist engineers and manufacturers whose chairman is Roger Boissier and chief executive Geoffrey White, 12½p to 217½p. At the pre-tax level they grew 40 per cent to £6.4 million with demand said to be at record levels.

Further reflection of its joint venture with the BBC raised **Flextech** 21p to 611p and *shares of Penna Holdings* were suspended at 125p pending several acquisitions.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices in London opened lower, reflecting similar falls on overseas bond markets. A stronger than expected rise in consumer credit succeeded in driving prices even lower. London was able to claw back most of the early losses with the help of firmer US treasury bonds on the back of a less than expected rise in US chain store sales.

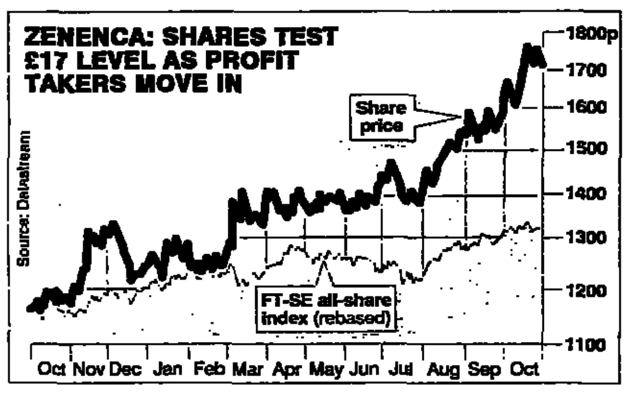
In futures the December series of the long gilt rallied to close all-square on the session at £109 25/32 after briefly touching £109 7/32. A total of 82,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished three ticks cheaper at £100 31/32, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was one tick firmer at £103¾.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Pre-presidential election concern held back shares on Wall Street, where even a bond rally failed to excite. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 5.59 points ahead at 5,978.32.

Pressac's Geoffrey White, left, Roger Boissier, centre, and Huw Lewis, finance director saw the shares rise 12½p

Tradepoint Financial Networks, the rival to the London Stock Exchange, continues to make inroads with a record £42.5 million worth of trade transacted in the past month. Yesterday *it accounted for more than half of the 1.82 million shares traded* in Sears, with the average transaction now worth £215,000.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5978.32 (+5.59)
S&P Composite	698.31 (+1.05)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	20958.08 (+72.67)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	12192.17 (-70.60)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	581.75 (-9.40)

Sydney:

AO	2323.0 (-11.1)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2673.62 (-30.21)

Singapore:

Straits	2061.98 (-5.87)

Brussels:

General	9922.06 (-46.92)

Paris:

CAC-40	2125.74 (-24.65)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	777.80 (-5.40)

London:

FT 30	2819.3 (-20.1)
FT 100	3993.5 (-31.8)
FTSE Mid 250	4434.7 (-8.4)
FTSE 350	1989.5 (-13.3)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	1758.14 (-16.87)
FT All-Share	1963.5 (-12.38)
FT Non Financials	2057.19 (-11.66)
FT Fixed Interest	115.31 (-0.25)
FT Govt Secs	*93.90 (-0.24)*
Bargains	39040
SEAQ Volume	696.5m
USM (Datastrm)	201.44 (-0.11)
US$	1.6108 (-0.0015)
German Mark	2.4315 (-0.0190)
Exchange Index	89.1 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2625
£:SDR	1.1201
RPI	153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Beechcroft	4	...
Charles Taylor	161½	...
Deltron Electrn (150)	160½	...
Elec Retail Sys	*160½*	*- 10*
Eurasia Mining	305	...
Fitness First	90½	...
Geo Interactive (100)	103½	...
Hartstone 8% Cum	121	...
Healthcare Reform	99½	...
Imperial Tobacco	366½	- 3
Interoute Tele	165½	...
John David Sports	293½	- 1½
Lavendon	155	...
Loftus Road (72)	75	+ ½
Lomond Under	130	- ½
Mears Group	12	...
Oriental Resturnts	205½	...
Thistle Hotels (170)	169½	- 1
Ultra Electronics	298½	- 1½
Victory Corp	54	- 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brooke Tool n/p (125)	5½	- 1
Cairn Energy n/p (360)	3½	- 2
Capital Inds n/p (175)	14½	...
Celsis Intl n/p (100)	4	- 1
Clyde Blwrs n/p (265)	20	...
Prism Rail n/p (240)	120	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Matthew Clark	315p (+15p)
Blacks Leis	287½p (+12p)
Photobition	313½p (+11p)
Flextech	611p (+21p)
Jones Stroud	425p (+10p)
Leopold J	465p (+10p)
Logica	798½p (+11p)
Premier Farnell	686p (+10½p)
Eurotherm	614p (+10p)
Cohen (A)	465p (+7½p)

FALLS:

Brit Biotech	220½p (-20p)
Eve Group	120p (-7½p)
Danka Bs Sys	585p (-27½p)
Chiroscience	354p (-12p)
Racal Elect	279½p (-8p)
Micro Focus	937½p (-20p)
Rank Grp	413p (-7p)
Sainsbury J	355p (-6p)
GUS	604½p (-14p)

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TEMPUS

Anglo-American manners

THE difficulty with Lonrho has always been identifying whose interests will take precedence. In the days of the great white hunter — Tiny Rowland — it was relatively safe to assume that the shareholders would come second place to the long-range strategy of building an African empire. The arrival of Dieter Bock — a different manner of man — brought a more down to earth strategy and a greater concern for value. This has brought benefits, not least the opportunity to see what lay behind some of the more obscure investments of his predecessor. However, yesterday's events suggest shareholders should again be concerned.

The "Tiny empire" is being ripped apart, and the devolutionary Mr Bock has cashed in his investment by exercising a put option against Anglo-American. For his pains, and they were not insignificant, he has probably doubled his *money*, based on an average investment price of 90p. The South Africans have been forced to take the shares at 180p, a substantial premium to yesterday's 163p.

Should Anglo be concerned? Probably not. They have secured what they wanted. Anglo-American has as good as secured control of Lonrho, a company *which*, by dint of two forthcoming asset sales, will become a mining finance house with interests in African gold and platinum. For outsiders, the picture is less rosy. The sale of the hotels should yield £600 million: the African trading businesses, another pile of cash. Will it be returned to *investors*? A share in so much money, out of reach of South African authorities, would be a nice present for Anglo-American. Not so interesting for everyone else.

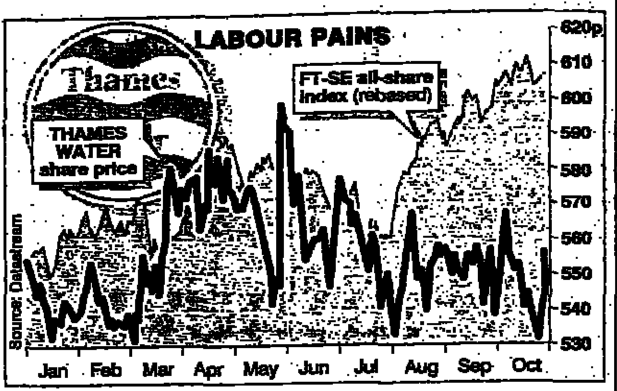
Thames Water

WEIGHING up the worth of utilities ought to be simple: are they efficient or poor managers of cash and, in the case of the water companies, can they manage big construction projects. Such a *low-growth and high capital* expenditure business needs a penny-pinching mentality, and Thames Water demonstrated suitably Micawberish tendencies yesterday.

The boost to the dividend was expected — having bought back 10 per cent of the shares in July, Thames has a smaller number of mouths to feed. However, growth of 22 per cent was better than hoped for and expectations for the full year have moved ahead accordingly.

Operating margins should continue to improve — cost increase are being kept below inflation and, at the same time, Thames is bringing in projects at well below budget. The company could come in £200 million below its original estimates. That would permit an extra £150 million of investment to benefit consumers and £50 mil*lion for shareholders*.

All that sounds dandy until politics intervenes. Thames could become an even leaner business — at 38 per cent, gearing is ridiculously low. With regular cash flow of £600 million-plus per year, Thames could be borrowing and paying out even more. But the next government will also be borrowing and paying out more: and in Thames, Labour has an easy cash cow.



Chesterfield

THERE are too many small property companies, and for several years fund managers have sought to stitch together deals that would reduce the cost of supporting the salary ambitions of property company directors. Sadly, the recession eliminated too few businesses and did not deflate enough egos.

However, deals have been done in the private sector by institutions seeking to sell properties in return for shares in a vehicle run by a clever property trader. Albion is one such company, set up by Robert Maxted, formerly the managing director of Pillar Properties. With a portfolio valued at £110 million and net assets of £20 million, it might float with a fair wind in a bullish market. But a better deal is in sight with Chesterfield Properties.

Chesterfield has been left stranded in the latest share rally. With a net asset value of about £6, the shares are at a 20 per cent discount while *most* of the sector trades at asset value. Chesterfield owns shopping centres and, curiously, the Curzon cinema chain in London and a clutch of West End theatres.

If Chesterfield buys Albion's shares, Robert Maxted will probably take the helm and steer the group a bit more aggressively towards the wind. Already, Chesterfield is planning a flotation of the theatres and cinemas — entertainment businesses are fashionable and there is little logic in keeping a revenue-based business within a property company. It could be an interesting adventure.

Scottish Highland

SCOTTISH Highland Hotels appears unperturbed by worries about a market saturated with hotel shares. While Principle Hotels, which operates in a similar mid-market niche, was forced to pull its float only last week, Scottish insists it is still on track to debut on the market early next month, valued at £30 million.

The attraction of Scottish is that its hotels generate an unusually high revenue from activities such as catering and leisure clubs. This has enabled the group to achieve operating margins of 31 per cent, while occupancy levels stand at a respectable 75.2 per cent. The company has also sought a more sensible pricing strategy with the 125p offer valuing the company at 12.4 times prospective earnings.

The company has a conservative acquisition strategy but will be looking for small deals to expand out of its central Scotland base. Scottish is unlikely to be one of the more exciting players in the market, but with strong institutional demand it looks capable of avoiding most of the pitfalls that have beset other recent flotations.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	932-931	Mar	1034-1030
Mar	962-961	May	1044-1041
May	979-978	Jul	1055 SLR
Jul	994-992	Sep	1068-1065
Sep	1009-1007		
Dec	1022-1027		Volume: 4114

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1525-1522	Jul	1314-1312
Jan	1402-1401	Sep	1325-1315
Mar	1335-1330	Nov	1325-1320
May	1319-1313		Volume: [illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	[illegible]
Spot: 322.8		Oct	[illegible]
Dec	314.4-14.0	Dec	[illegible]
Mar	319.5-09.4	Mar	[illegible]
May	311.0-10.5		Volume: [illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 2[illegible]

(p/kg lw)	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	96.66	120.32	97.[illegible]
(+/-)	-1.05	+2.[illegible]	+[illegible]
Eng/Wales:	96.53	120.66	97.49
(+/-)	-1.47	+2.[illegible]	+[illegible]
(%)	+2.0	+7.0	+3.[illegible]
Scotland:	102.45	121.12	[illegible]
(+/-)	-4.21	+2.35	+1.54
(%)	-31.9	-12.0	-9.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	23.35	-1.00
Brent 15 day (Dec)	23.70	-0.75
Brent 15 day (Jan)	23.30	-0.60
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	24.35	-0.90
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	23.95	-0.75

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	232 (-2)	234 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	227 (n/c)	228 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	120 (+2)	122 (+2)
Naphtha	224 (-4)	227 (-5)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	223.00-23.25	Feb	208.25-08.50
Dec	219.00-18.25	Mar	200.50-01.00
Jan	214.00-14.25		Vol: 15260

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	23.76-23.78	Mar	22.12-22.17
Jan	23.24-23.25	Apr	21.47 BID
Feb	22.76-22.77		Vol: 34708

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	97.60	Nov	93.50
Jan	99.90	Jan	95.25
Mar	100.90	Mar	96.75
May	102.25	May	98.00
Jul	103.75	Sep	93.00
Volume: 179		Volume: 17	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	32.50
Mar		69.50
Apr	72.0	71.50
		Volume: 28

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Nov 83.25-85.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 96	1372	1347	1347
Dec 96	1330	1325	1325
Jan 97	1320	1300	1299
Apr 97	1330	1310	1305
Vol: 144 lots		Open interest: 4520	

Index: 1281 +15

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1980.0-1981.0	1962.0-1963.0	741050
Lead ($/tonne)	730.50-731.00	727.00-727.50	292725
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1020.0-1021.0	1044.5-1045.0	132225
Tin ($/tonne)	5940.0-5950.0	5915.0-5920.0	21550
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1372.0-1372.5	1402.0-1402.5	1950175
Nickel ($/tonne)	7215.0-7220.0	7321.0-7330.0	112075

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	460	28	35	40	13	19	25
(*470)	500	9	16½	21	36	42	48
ASDA	110	7	9	11	3	5	6
(*112)	120	2	4	7	9	11	12
Boots	600	37	51	59	9	14	23
(*626)	650	11	25	32	35	39	47
Br Airways	550	25	37	44	19	26	33
(*554)	600	7	16	22	52	56	62
BP	650	36	47	56	7	26	32
(*680)	700	10	24	34	40	55	61
Br Steel	160	16	20	23	2	4	8
(*175)	180	5	9	12	11	13	16
C & W	460	34	47	54	9	15	20
(*484)	500	13	25	33	26	34	39
CU	600	50	68	77	6	16	19
(*640)	650	26	39	44	21	30	42
ICI	800	37	49	60	22	29	43
(*803)	850	12	26	35	53	62	75
Land Sec	700	27	42	49	11	17	26
(*716)	750	8	17	24	43	45	54
M & S	500	30	42	47	6	12	17
(*522)	550	9	17	21	36	38	42
Nat West	700	35	42	51	21	41	45
(*704)	750	13	22	30	51	77	76
Safeway plc	330	33	41	45	4	9	14
(*358)	360	13	23	29	15	21	25
Sainsbury	330	26	36	41	5	7	12
(*356)	360	11	19	22	15	19	26
Shell	1000	57	73	91	10	24	32
(*1036)	1050	25	41	53	30	46	53
Smkl Bch	750	37	54	67	21	33	41
(*762)	800	15	31	44	49	[illegible]	[illegible]
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1700	87	121	147	61	64	94
(*1710)	1800	47	76	102	117	143	169
	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	420	22	32	41	4	11	24
(*436)	460	4	13	22	26	32	47
Vodafone	220	15	19	25	1	5	9
(*229)	240	3	8	15	9	14	16
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	460	16	26	34	5	19	22
(*470)	500	1	9	17	39	43	46
Ladbroke	180	20	24	27	0	2	5
(*190)	200	3	11	14	4	5	12
Utd Bisc	200	8	16	19	2	7	11
(*209)	220	0	7	10	14	18	22

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500	25	36	40	10	15	22
(*515)	550	5	15	22	41	44	49
Thames W	550	17	31	39	21	30	44
(*552)	600	0	13	19	61	64	77
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	240	13	20	23	1	5	9
(*251)	260	2	9	12	10	14	20
Br Aero	1150	47	70	89	12	27	43
(*1172)	1200	11	44	62	37	52	66
Br Telecom	330	22	27	32	1	7	10
(*350)	360	3	10	17	12	22	25
Cadbury	500	21	37	43	3	12	20
(*516)	550	1	13	19	35	39	50
Guinness	420	31	42	47	0	5	12
(*449)	460	4	17	24	14	21	30
GEC	360	20	26	35	1	7	11
(*376)	390	4	12	19	14	21	25
Hanson	110	3	6	—	3	6	—
(*110)	120	0	2	—	10	19	—
LASMO	200	19	25	27	1	3	5
(*217)	220	5	13	16	6	10	13
LucasVarity	240	17	26	31	1	6	10
(*255)	260	3	14	20	9	15	19
Pilkington	180	15	19	23	0	3	5
(*195)	200	1	8	12	8	12	14
Prudentl	400	15	30	36	0	10	25
(*414)	500	1	13	19	34	39	40
Redland	420	18	32	38	4	12	20
(*437)	460	1	13	19	28	30	42
R-Royce	240	19	27	32	1	6	10
(*257)	260	5	15	20	7	14	19
Tesco	300	25	34	39	0	4	10
(*324)	330	5	15	22	9	16	22
Williams	360	10	—	—	4	—	—
(*369)	390	0	—	—	24	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*3993)

	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050	4100
Calls						
Nov	160	115	75	41	18	6
Dec	197	150	112	80	55	32
Jan	210	171	136	104	79	54
Feb	224	190	158	126	101	76
Jun	—	255	—	184	—	144
Puts						
Nov	12	11	21	39	69	112
Dec	23	33	47	66	91	123
Jan	37	49	65	85	109	136
Feb	51	62	79	97	122	150
Jun	—	121	—	158	—	207

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Abby Nat	600	47	56	[illegible]	5	17	25
(*637)	650	16	32	41	24	44	49
Amstrad	180	14	—	—	4	—	—
(*190)	200	4	—	—	14	—	—
Barclays	950	42	64	77	15	40	47
(*960)	1000	15	38	52	41	67	74
Natl Pwr	360	34	40	47	2	9	16
(*391)	400	9	17	—	18	25	—
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo W	950	52	73	85	22	41	49
(*968)	1000	27	47	60	45	67	75
HSBC	1250	64	93	114	28	59	77
(*1272)	1300	36	67	87	55	85	101
Reuter	750	48	65	74	15	30	37
(*775)	800	22	39	53	42	54	61
Royal & Sun	394	34	41	—	5	15	—
(*419)	431	13	20	—	21	35	—
	Series	Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
Blue Circ	390	24	32	38	5	7	17
(*406)	420	7	16	22	19	22	32
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Kingfshr	600	58	69	74	11	21	26
(*638)	650	29	39	47	31	44	40
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Unilever	1250	56	79	92	9	16	34
(*1290)	1300	23	45	59	29	39	56
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Br Gas	180	15	19	21	2	4	7
(*191)	200	5	10	11	12	13	17
Dixons	550	29	37	51	13	25	30
(*555)	600	9	17	29	40	54	59
EMI Group	1200	58	85	110	19	37	49
(*1220)	1250	31	59	82	42	61	69
Tarmac	90	7	10	12	2	3	5
(*94)	100	2	6	7	7	9	10
Hillsdwn	160	18	21	22	0	2	6
(*178)	180	4	8	11	7	10	16
Lonrho	160	8	12	15	3	7	9
(*163)	180	1	4	7	17	20	21
Sears	90	9	—	—	0	—	—
(*98)	100	2	—	—	4	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	106	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
(*1596)	1600	28	—	—	35	—	—
Tomkins	260	13	20	25	6	12	15
(*264)	280	5	11	17	18	23	26
Lloyds TSB	340	14	24	29	9	21	25
(*353)	420	7	12	17	20	40	43
Scot Pwr	294	18	24	—	1	9	—
(*307)	323	4	12	—	17	24	—

October 29, 1996 Tot: 42909 Call: 17510 Put: 25409 FTSE Call: 10259 Put: 6891
*Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 64175	Dec 96	4025.0	4034.0	4005.0	4016.0	13626
	Mar 97				4030.0	0
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 3671	Dec 96	4450.0	4450.0	4450.0	4450.0	100
	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 476268	Dec 96	93.91	93.93	93.90	93.92	11681
	Mar 97	93.72	93.78	93.70	93.76	17926
	Jun 97	93.40	93.48	93.37	93.44	15132
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.38	99.39	99.38	99.39	170
	Jun 97	99.25	99.26	99.25	99.26	375
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1140814	Dec 96	96.81	96.82	96.80	96.81	22312
	Mar 97	96.78	96.81	96.75	96.80	37967
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 158229	Dec 96	109-18	110-00	109-07	109-25	82294
	Mar 97	108-18	108-25	108-18	108-29	11
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	124.45	124.50	124.22	124.45	3163
	Mar 97	123.46	123.56	123.37	123.53	418
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 268785	Dec 96	99.25	99.60	99.10	99.54	194873
	Mar 97	98.25	98.57	98.15	98.53	1123
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 26568	Dec 96	95.87	95.88	95.85	95.86	1913
	Mar 97	95.86	95.90	95.85	95.87	1162
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 82574	Dec 96	98.05	98.10	98.02	98.08	5485
	Mar 97	98.05	98.10	98.00	98.06	8041
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 83623	Dec 96	123.01	123.45	122.39	122.77	95615
	Mar 97	122.02	122.12	121.85	121.99	61

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆ : 3 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅝ : 3 mth: 5⅝ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹³⁄₁₆-5²⁵⁄₃₂	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5²⁵⁄₃₂	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	6-5²⁹⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5²⁷⁄₃₂	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6³⁄₃₂-6¹⁄₃₂	6⅜-6¼
Interbank:	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5¾	5²⁷⁄₃₂-5²⁹⁄₃₂	6-5³¹⁄₃₂	6⅛-6³⁄₃₂	6⅜-6¼

Overnight: open 5¾, close 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛	6⁷⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5⅞	5³¹⁄₃₂-5²⁹⁄₃₂	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅜-6¼
Dollar CDs:	5.28	n/a	5.40	5.51	5.65
Building Society CDs:	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5⅞	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5³¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₃₂-6⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5³⁄₁₆-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5-4
Deutschemark:	3¹⁄₁₆-2⅞	3¹⁄₁₆-2⅞	3⅛-3	3¼-3	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅛-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⅝-3½	4-3
Swiss Franc:	1¹⁵⁄₁₆-1¹³⁄₁₆	1¹³⁄₁₆-1¾	1⅞-1¾	1¹³⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	2-1
Yen:	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.80-383.10 Close: $381.45-381.95 High: $382.80-383.30
Low: $380.05-380.55 AM: $382.35 PM: $381.70

Krugerrand: $381.00-383.00 (£236.00-238.00)

Platinum: $382.25 (£238.00) **Silver:** $4.84 (£3.015) **Palladium:** $115.50 (£71.90)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 29	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7226-2.7333	2.7270-2.7298	⅝-½pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Brussels	49.990-50.190	50.091-50.183	14-9pr	40-34pr
Copenhagen	9.3240-9.3610	9.3445-9.3530	1⅝-1⅛pr	5⅛-4⅛pr
Dublin	0.9902-0.9934	0.9905-0.9919	4pr-par	12-6pr
Frankfurt	2.4267-2.4368	2.4305-2.4327	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Lisbon	245.38-246.52	245.90-246.20	⅛-¼ds	⅛-¼ds
Madrid	204.60-205.57	204.90-205.07	13-23ds	40-59ds
Milan	2440.3-2451.0	2441.0-2444.4	33-49ds	96-118ds
Montreal	2.1627-2.1681	2.1651-2.1671	0.49-0.43pr	0.99-0.91pr
New York	*1.6074-1.6110*	*1.6096-1.6105*	*0.09-0.06pr*	*0.21-0.18pr*
Oslo	10.279-10.304	10.279-10.291	⅛-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr
Paris	8.2050-8.2370	8.2194-8.2272	1⅝-1⅛pr	5⅛-5⅛pr
Stockholm	10.535-10.590	10.540-10.562	⅛-⅛pr	⅝-⅛pr
Tokyo	182.72-183.84	183.57-183.84	⅝-⅛pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Vienna	17.072-17.148	17.101-17.117	⅝-⅛pr	1⅝-⅛pr
Zurich	2.0135-2.0225	2.0200-2.0228	⅝-⅛pr	2⅛-2⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2645-1.2653
Austria	10.61-10.62
Belgium (Com)	31.09-31.10
Canada	1.3451-1.3456
Denmark	5.8005-5.8025
France	5.1037-5.1047
Germany	1.5096-1.5101
Hong Kong	7.7319-7.7329
Ireland	1.6224-1.6234
Italy	1515.80-1516.30
Japan	113.93-114.03
Malaysia	2.5151-2.5161
Netherlands	1.6928-1.6938
Norway	6.3890-6.3920
Portugal	151.70-151.75
Singapore	1.4129-1.4134
Spain	127.20-127.30
Sweden	6.5547-6.5622
Switzerland	1.2554-1.2564

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6085-1.6112
Australia dollar	*2.0331-2.0357*
Bahrain dinar	0.6015-0.6135
Brazil real*	1.6480-1.6524
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7370-0.7470
Finland markka	7.2500-7.3660
Greece drachma	379.25-386.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.4329-12.4422
India rupee	56.98-57.94
Indonesia rupiah	3717.0-3785.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4780-0.4880
Malaysia ringgit	4.0455-4.0497
New Zealand dollar	2.2767-2.2803
Pakistan rupee	64.00 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8050-5.9290
Singapore dollar	2.2726-2.2749
S Africa rand (com)	7.4930-7.5950
U A E dirham	5.8550-5.9790

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	860	Lloyds TSB	14,200
ASDA Gp	6,500	LucasVarity	2,900
Abbey Ntl	4,200	Marks Spr	2,800
Allied Dom	1,800	NatWst Bk	4,800
Argos	421	Nat Grid	850
AB Foods	702	Nat Power	2,000
BAA	1,100	Next	1,100
BAT Inds	4,900	Orange	1,900
BOC	302	P & O	1,100
BP	2,100	Pearson	3,600
BSkyB	3,500	Pilkington	2,100
BTR	7,100	PowerGen	1,800
BT	4,100	Prudential	3,000
Bk of Scot	2,600	RMC	176
Barclays	2,900	RTZ	3,600
Bass	642	Railtrack	3,800
Blue Circle	1,400	Rank Group	2,200
Boots	822	Reckitt Col	255
BAe	862	Redland	2,000
BA	4,700	Reed Intl	1,100
Brit Gas	5,500	Rentokil	1,300
Brit Steel	2,400	Reuters	1,700
Burmah Cstl	637	Rolls Royce	3,700
Burton	6,400	Royal & Sun	2,000
Cable Wire	8,300	Royal Bk Sct	911
Cadbury	862	Safeway	2,800
Carlton Cms	766	Sainsbury	1,500
Cm Union	1,100	Schroders	16
Courtaulds	1,200	Scot & New	567
Dixons	1,300	Scot Power	1,900
EMI	1,100	Svrn Trent	2,600
Enterpr Oil	*706*	*Shell Trans*	*2,600*
GKN	674	Siebe	261
GRE	1,700	SmKl Bch	5,500
GUS	2,000	Smith Nph	5,500
Gen Acc	1,300	Smiths Inds	148
Gen Elec	2,600	Std Chartd	1,100
Glaxo Well	6,900	TI Gp	811
Granada	1,700	Tate & Lyle	934
Grand Met	2,000	Tesco	2,400
Guinness	5,700	Thames W	1,000
HSBC	2,100	Tomkins	2,100
Hanson	*13,000*	*Unilever*	*871*
ICI	640	Utd Utilities	1,300
Imp Tob	2,900	Utd News	348
Kingfisher	1,900	Vodafone	8,300
LASMO	2,400	Whitbread	684
Ladbroke	1,900	Wlms Hld	3,400
Land Secs	575	Wolseley	420
Legal & Gn	2,800	Zeneca	2,500

WALL STREET

	Oct 29 midday	Oct 28 close
AMP Inc	34	33⅝
AMR Corp	81½	81¼
ASA	38⅝	39⅝
AT & T	35⅜	35⅝
Abbott Labs	50	49¾
Advanced Micro	17⅝	17⅝
Aetna Life	62⅝	62⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	29⅝	29⅝
Air Prod & Chem	59⅝	59⅝
AirTouch Comm	26⅝	26⅝
Alberto-Culver B	45⅝	45⅞
Albertson's	34⅝	34⅝
Alcan Aluminm	33⅞	33⅞
Alco Standard	45¾	45
Allied Signal	62⅞	62⅞
Alum Co of Am	59⅝	59⅝
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	55⅜	55⅜
Amer Brands	48⅝	48⅝
Amer El Power	41⅝	40⅞
Amer Express	46	46⅛
Amer Genl Corp	37	37
Amer Home Pr	61	61
Amer Intl	105	104½
Amer Stores	40⅝	40⅞
Amer Standard	*37*	*36⅞*
Ameritech	55⅝	55⅝
Amoco	75⅝	75
Anheuser-Busch	37⅞	38
Apple Computer	23⅛	24⅞
Archer Daniels	21⅝	20⅞
Armco	3¾	3¾
Armstrng Wrld	65⅝	65⅝
Asarco	26⅝	26⅝
Atl Richfield	131½	131½
Auto Data Pro	40⅞	40⅞
Avery Dennison	64⅝	66⅝
Avon Products	54	54½
Baker Hughes	34⅞	35
Baltim Gas & El	26⅞	26⅝
Banc One	41⅝	41⅝
BankAmerica	89	87⅝
Bank of NY	32⅝	31⅝
Bankers Tr NY	84⅝	83⅝
Barnett Banks	38⅝	37⅝
Bausch & Lomb	34⅝	34⅝
Baxter Intl	41⅝	41⅝
Becton Dickinsn	43⅝	42⅝
Bell Atlantic	60⅞	60⅝
Bell Industries	16⅞	17
BellSouth	40	39⅞
Black & Decker	39⅞	39⅞
Block (H&R)	24⅝	24⅞
Boeing	93⅝	93⅞
Boise Cascade	31⅝	31⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	103⅝	103⅝
Browning Ferris	24⅝	25⅞
Brunswick	23⅞	23⅞
Burlington Nthn	80⅝	80⅝
CMS Energy Corp	31⅝	31⅝
CNA Financial	97⅝	97⅝
CPC Intl	78⅝	78⅝
CSX	43	43⅝
Campbell Soup	82⅝	81⅝
Can Pacific	25	25⅝
Carolina Pwr	35⅞	35
Caterpillar	69⅞	69⅞
Central & SW	25⅞	25⅞
Champion Intl	43⅞	43
Chase Manhat	84⅝	83
Chevron Corp	65⅝	66
Chrysler	33⅝	33⅝
Chubb Corp	50⅞	49⅞
Cigna Corp	126⅝	126⅝
Citicorp	96⅝	95⅝
Clorox	103⅞	102⅞
Coastal Corp	43⅞	42⅞
Coca Cola	49⅝	49⅝
Coca Cola Ent	43⅞	43⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	89⅞	89⅝
Columbia Gas	59⅝	59
ColumbiaHCA	35⅝	35⅝
Compaq Comp	68	70⅝
Comp Ass Intl	56⅝	57⅝
Conagra	49	49⅝
Conrail	94⅝	94
Cons Edison	28⅝	28⅝
Cons Nat Gas	51⅝	52⅝
Cooper Inds	42⅝	42⅞
Corestates	47⅝	47⅝
Corning Inc	37⅝	37⅝
Crown Cork	47⅝	47
Dana Corp	29⅝	30
Dayton Hudson	33⅞	33
Deere	41⅝	41⅝
Delta Air Lines	69	68⅝
Deluxe Corp	32⅞	32⅝
Digital Equip	29⅝	30
Dillard Dept St	31⅝	31⅝
Disney (Walt)	65⅝	66⅝
Dominion Res	37⅝	37⅝
Donnelley (RR)	29⅝	29⅝
Dover Corp	51	51⅝
Dow Chemical	78	78⅝
Dow Jones	34	34
Dresser	32	32⅝
Duke Power	47⅝	47⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	57⅝	56⅝
Du Pont	93⅝	93
Eastman Chem	57⅝	57⅝

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Eastman Kodak	76⅝	75⅝
Eaton Corp	59⅝	60
Edison Intl	19⅝	19⅝
Emerson Elec	88⅝	88⅝
Engelhard Corp	18⅝	18⅝
Enron Corp	45⅝	45⅝
Entergy	27⅝	27⅝
Ethyl Corp	8⅝	8⅝
Exxon	88⅝	88⅞
FMC Corp	71⅝	71⅝
FPL Group	45⅝	45⅝
Federal Express	78	78⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	37⅝	37⅝
First Bk Sys	64⅝	64⅝
First Union Rlty	7⅝	7⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	48	47⅝
Fluor Corp	65⅝	65⅝
Ford Motor	31⅝	31⅝
GTE Corp	42⅝	42⅝
Gannett	74	73⅝
Gap Inc Del	28⅝	28⅝
Gencorp	16⅝	16⅝
Gen Dynamics	68⅝	68⅝
Gen Electric	95⅝	95
Gen Mills	57⅝	57⅝
Gen Motors	54⅝	53⅝
Gen Reinsurance	143⅝	142⅝
Gen Signal	40⅝	41⅝
Genuine Parts	43⅝	43⅝
Georgia Pac	74⅝	73⅝
Gillette	72⅝	72⅝
Glaxo Welle ADR	31⅝	31⅝
Goodrich (BF)	42⅝	42⅝
Goodyear Tire	45⅝	45⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	30⅝	31
Great Wstn Fin	27⅝	27⅝
Halliburton	57⅝	57⅝
Harcourt General	49⅝	49⅝
Heinz (HJ)	35⅝	35⅝
Hercules	46⅝	47⅝
Hershey Foods	47⅝	47⅝
Hewlett Packard	44⅝	45⅝
Hilton Hotels	30⅝	30⅝
Home Depot	53⅝	53⅝
Homestake Mng	14⅝	14⅝
Honeywell	60⅝	59⅝
Household Intl	88	85⅝
Houston Inds	22⅝	22⅝
Humana	18⅝	18⅝
ITT Corp	42⅝	42⅝
Illinois Tool	71⅝	70⅝
Illinova	26⅝	26⅝
INCO	31⅝	31⅝
Ingersoll Rand	42⅝	42⅝
Inland Steel	16⅝	16⅝
Intel Corp	104⅝	106
IBM	125⅝	127⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	41⅝	41⅝
Intl Paper	43	43⅝
James River Va	31⅝	31
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	48⅝	47⅝
Kellogg	64⅝	64⅝
Kerr-McGee	62⅝	63
Kimberly-Clark	90⅝	89⅝
Kmart	9⅝	10
Knight-Ridder	36⅝	36⅝
Lilly (Eli)	68⅝	68⅝
Limited Inc	18⅝	18⅝
Lincoln Nat	47⅝	47⅝
Litton	45⅝	45⅝
Liz Claiborne	42⅝	42⅝
Lockheed Martin	87⅝	88⅝
Louisiana Pac	20⅝	20⅝
MCI Comm	24⅝	25⅝
Marriott Intl	57⅝	58
Marsh & McLnn	101⅝	100⅝
Masco Corp	31⅝	31⅝
May Dept St	47⅝	47⅝
Maytag Corp	19⅝	19⅝
McDonalds	44⅝	44
McDonnell D	52⅝	52
McGraw Hill	47	46⅝
Mead Corp	57⅝	57⅝
Medtronic	63⅝	63⅝
Mellon Bk	64⅝	64⅝
Melville Corp	36⅝	38⅝
Merck Inc	72⅝	72⅝
Merrill Lynch	68⅝	67⅝
Microsoft	136⅝	138⅝
Minnesota Mine	75⅝	75⅝
Mobil Corp	117	117⅝
Monsanto	41	41⅝
Morgan (JP)	84⅝	84⅝
Motorola Inc	45⅝	46⅝
Natl Semi	18⅝	18⅝
Natl Service Ind	34⅝	34⅝
Navistar Int	9⅝	9⅝
NY Times A	35⅝	35⅝
Newmont Mng	46	46⅝
Niag Mohawk	8⅝	8⅝
Nike B	60⅝	62⅝
NL Industries	8⅝	8⅝
Norcan Energy	15⅝	15⅝
Nordstrom	37⅝	37⅝
Norfolk Sthn	90⅝	91⅝
Nthn State Pwr	46⅝	46⅝
Norwest Corp	43⅝	42⅝
Nynex Corp	44⅝	44⅝
Occidental Pet	24⅝	24⅝
Ohio Edison	20⅝	20⅝

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Oracle	42	42⅝
Oryx Energy Co	19⅝	19⅝
Overseas Ship	18⅝	18⅝
Owens Corning	38	37⅝
PHH Corp	30	29⅝
PPG Industries	56⅝	57
PNC Bank	35⅝	35⅝
PP&L Res	22⅝	22⅝
Paccar Inc	55⅝	55
Pacificorp	21⅝	20⅝
Pac Enterprises	30⅝	30⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	23⅝	23⅝
Pac Telesis	34⅝	34⅝
Pall Corp	25⅝	25⅝
Parker Hannifin	37⅝	37⅝
Pecos Energy	24⅝	24⅝
Penney (JC)	52⅝	51⅝
Pennzoil	50⅝	50⅝
Pepsico	29⅝	29⅝
Pfizer	80⅝	79⅝
Pharm & Upjhn	37⅝	37
Phelps Dodge	63⅝	64⅝
Philip Morris	93⅝	93
Phillips Pet	40⅝	41⅝
Pitney Bowes	55	54⅝
Polaroid	45⅝	45⅝
PriceCostco	19⅝	20⅝
Procter & Gmbl	96	95⅝
Providian	45⅝	45
Pub Serv E & G	26⅝	26⅝
Quaker Oats	34⅝	34⅝
Ralston Purina	66⅝	66
Raychem Corp	75⅝	75⅝
Raytheon	48⅝	48
Reebok Intl	34⅝	34⅝
Reynolds Metals	56⅝	56⅝
Rockwell Intl	55⅝	55⅝
Rohm & Haas	70	69⅝
Royal Dutch	169⅝	170⅝
Rubbermaid	23⅝	22⅝
SBC Comms	49⅝	49⅝
Safeco Corp	37⅝	37⅝
St Pauls Cos	54⅝	54⅝
Salomon Inc	45⅝	46
Sara Lee Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Schering Plough	62⅝	63
Schlumberger	98⅝	99⅝
Seagram	36⅝	36⅝
Sears Roebuck	48⅝	48⅝
Shell Trans	100⅝	100⅝
Sherwin Wlms	51	50⅝
Skyline Corp	27⅝	27⅝
Snap-On-Tools	32⅝	32⅝
Southern Co	22⅝	22
Sprint Corp	39⅝	38⅝
Stanley Works	27⅝	27⅝
Sun Company	22⅝	22⅝
Sun Microsys	58⅝	58⅝
Suntrust	45	44⅝
Supervalu	29⅝	28⅝
Sysco Corp	33⅝	33⅝
TRW Inc	90⅝	90⅝
TCC Inds	1⅝	1⅝
Tandem Comp	12⅝	12⅝
Tandy Corp	39⅝	40
Temple Inland	51	51
Tenneco	48⅝	48⅝
Texaco	101⅝	102⅝
Texas Inst	48⅝	49⅝
Texas Utilities	40⅝	39⅝
Textron	88⅝	88⅝
Time Warner	37⅝	37⅝
Times-Mirror A	46⅝	46⅝
Timken	43⅝	43⅝
Torchmark	47⅝	47⅝
Toys R Us	32⅝	32⅝
Transamerica	72⅝	73
Travelers	52⅝	52⅝
Tribune	82	81⅝
Tyco Intl	48⅝	48⅝
UST Inc	29⅝	29⅝
UAL	45⅝	45⅝
US Inds	27⅝	27⅝
US West Comm	30⅝	30⅝
USX Marathon	23⅝	23⅝
Unicom	25⅝	25⅝
Unilever NV	152	151⅝
Union Camp	49⅝	49⅝
Union Carbide	42⅝	41⅝
Union Pacific	55⅝	55⅝
Unisys Corp	6⅝	6⅝
USAir Group	17⅝	17⅝
USF&G Corp	19⅝	19⅝
US Life	31	31⅝
United Tech	126⅝	127
Unocal Corp	35⅝	35⅝
VF Corp	64⅝	64⅝
WMX Tech	34⅝	34⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	27	26⅝
Warner-Lambert	62⅝	62⅝
Wells Fargo	263⅝	267⅝
Westinghouse El	17⅝	17⅝
Weyerhaeuser	46⅝	45⅝
Whirlpool	47⅝	47⅝
Whitman	24⅝	24⅝
Winn Dixie	35⅝	35
Woolworth	21⅝	21⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	60⅝	60⅝
Xerox	48⅝	48⅝
Yellow Corp	13⅝	13

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Direct Line for Robinson

PETER ROBINSON, the ousted chief executive of the Woolwich, will soon be working for Direct Line.

More than six months after he left the third largest building society, heading for a £3 billion flotation, he has decided to act as a consultant for the insurance company. Turning a new leaf on the allegations this year of irregularities concerning expenses and other perks — which he denied — Robinson will work with Peter Wood, chief executive, from Friday. Having had several options, Robinson said: "What impressed me most about Direct Line was its absence of bureaucracy and dogma."

Glad is Knight

FUNKY Angela Knight is clearly keeping abreast of the music scene. Speaking at a Big Bang conference yesterday, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury wowed her audience with an in-depth knowledge of the pop charts: "Ten years ago, on the threshold of the Big Bang, when Dire Straits hit the headlines, the domestic equity market turnover on the London Stock Exchange was £181.2 billion," she said. "Today, when all those of you men with red blood in your veins are watching the Spice Girls perform on television, the performance of domestic equities on the London Stock Exchange is some £646 billion."

WORST STORMS SINCE 1987

"Never mind the weather — I'm watching the Footsie"

Faith rewarded

TWO insurance executives have shot to the top of the Irish charts with an album of traditional hymns. John Kearns, who works for Hibernian Insurance, and his friend Bernard Bennett, general manager at Penco Insurance, are all set to pick-up a double platinum for *Faith of Our Fathers*. The album features 20 hymns, including "Hail Queen of Heaven" and "Soul of my Saviour", from 52 musicians. Within its first week, the duo has recouped the £90,000 that they spent making the album. "Record company executives told us that we were committing financial suicide," Kearns says.

President Powell

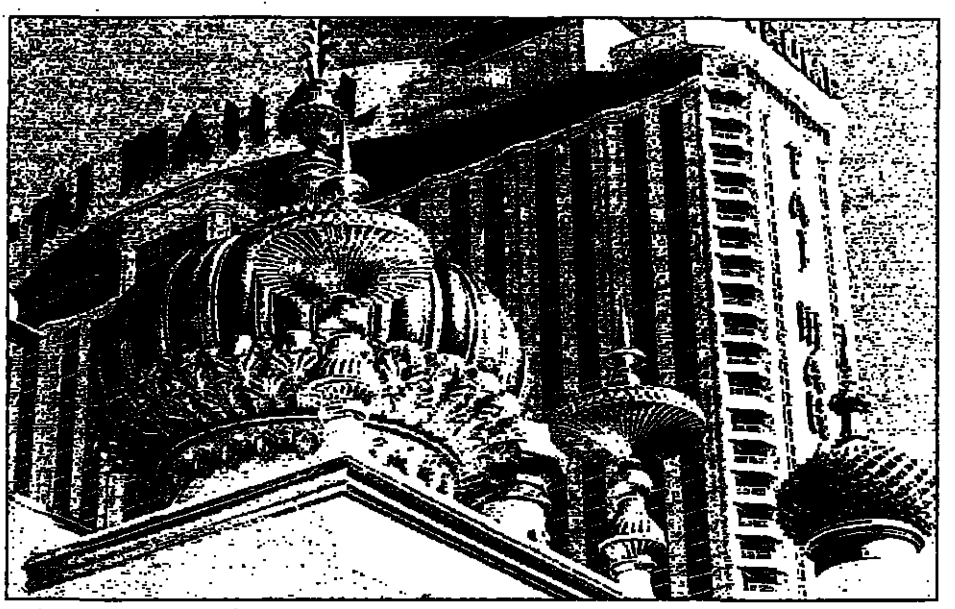
BUSINESSMEN staying at The Athenaeum Hotel in Piccadilly would chose Colin Powell as US President. Out of 320 guests surveyed, a quarter plumped for the Gulf War veteran. Of current contestants who would make the best President, Bill Clinton was the favourite, followed by Bob Dole, then his running mate Jack Kemp. Big Bird, Barbara Cartland, OJ Simpson, and Hillary Clinton's hair stylist were among the more bizarre choices.

WHEN Luke "Skywalker" Johnson was appointed to the board of Shield yesterday, its share price shot up from 4.5p to 6.5p. As chairman of PizzaExpress and a non-executive director of My Kinda Town, the eligible bachelor and Oxford graduate has persuaded investors that the property dealing and development group is an incredible catch. The company will now be known as Lonsdale.

MORAG PRESTON

Richard Thomson on the chain's new lease of life

Hard Rock Café goes for a bigger slice of the action



A Hard Rock Café is to open at the Atlantic City Taj Mahal casino next month

You've travelled all the way to the Taj Mahal, a journey many people only dream about. Full of awe, you walk inside to be greeted by pounding rock music and the smell of hamburgers; on the walls hang electric guitars and other rock memorabilia. You sit down and order a plate of fries from the waitress . . .

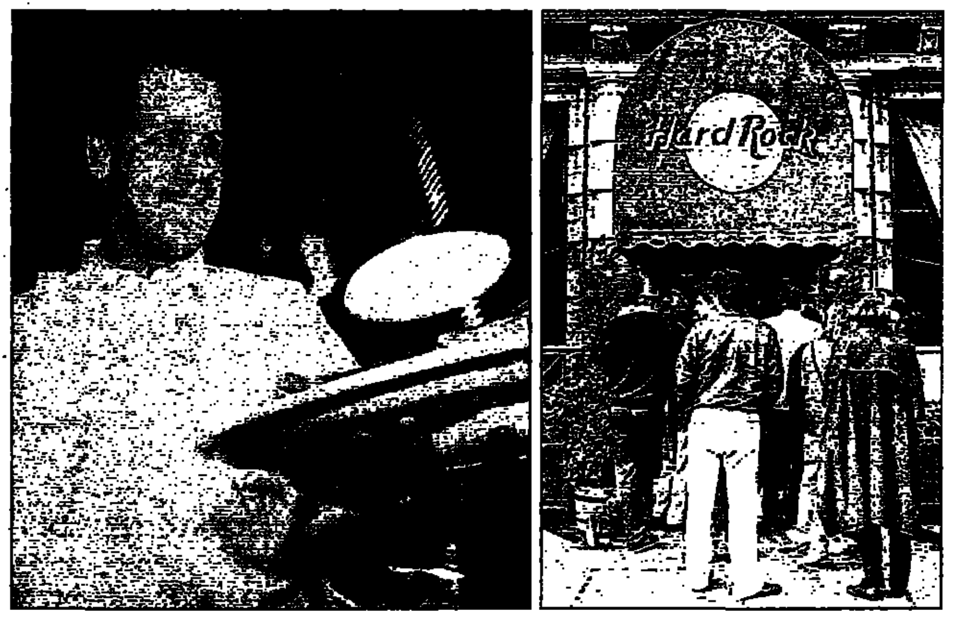
You are, of course, in the Atlantic City Taj Mahal casino, but perhaps more importantly you are sitting in the Hard Rock Café — or you will be once it opens next month. You are also encountering what is becoming one of the world's fastest growing brand names.

Ever since Andrew Teare took over as head of the Rank Organisation and paid $410 million earlier this year to buy out the remaining 40 per cent shareholding in Hard Rock owned by Peter Morton, the restaurant chain has taken on a new lease of life.

Rank now controls the brand worldwide and intends to drive it for all it is worth. Under Jim Berk, the president and chief executive of Hard Rock, the aim is to build the brand in the way that Richard Branson has expanded the Virgin name. Mr Berk said: "The thing we have to be careful of is not to hurt the credibility of the concept the founders started."

The restaurant chain is now proposing to fix up the Trump Castle, owned by Donald Trump, the flamboyant American property mogul and owner of the Taj Mahal, in its characteristic style of pop memorabilia and informal eating. Hard Rock will take 100 per cent of the revenues of the restaurant it installs there, but will take no part in the gambling or hotel part of the business.

What Mr Trump gets from this arrangement is an association with the increasingly valuable Hard Rock brand. Desperate to make his casinos more attractive in the face of growing competition from trendier rivals, the Hard Rock theme ought to attract the younger crowd of gamblers who normally shun the rather staid establishments of Atlantic City.



Jim Berk does not want to harm the credibility of the Hard Rock Café concept

These moves, however, are only one part of the expansion planned by Hard Rock's aggressive US based management. There are now more than 60 of its restaurants around the world, but a further 22 are opening between now and 1997 in new areas such as Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. A few will be franchises, but the company prefers to run them itself because that way, it says, it can more easily ensure the style and quality. Since there are already Hard Rock Cafés in many of the main cities in the western world, the company is planning to invent new themed restaurants so that it can have three or four in the same city — all under different disguises. But the priority is developing the Hard Rock brand itself, which represents to its youthful clients a seductive image of cool rebelliousness, rock music, and nifty merchandise.

As a natural extension of this franchise, Hard Rock is building its live music subsidiary and developing its own recording label, which will put out compilations of classic rock and new artists.

As well as using normal music outlets, it will sell its music through its own stores, which already turn over other merchandise worth about half the chain's total revenues.

Building on the restaurants' status as a "destination location" — just look at the queues outside the Hard Rock on Piccadilly near Hyde Park Corner — it is also planning branded hotels and resorts. "We're thinking of 'anti-establishment' resorts," Mr Berk said, meaning user-friendly places with big TVs, fabulous sound systems, and a cool attitude that will attract the young.

"Seven months ago when we bought out Peter Morton we had no business development department. Now we have 12 people working on it," Mr Berk said. But while the plan to build on the brand name makes good sense, it will not be cheap. "We're spending a lot of money," he added.

Fortunately, Rank has cash coming from sales of assets such as its stake in Rank Xerox to pay for expenditures such as the $80 million being pumped into new Hard Rock restaurants over the next 16 months. Equally fortunately, the restaurants give fast and generous returns. At present, the chain is worth about $400 million, with an annual return of about $100 million.

The expansion of the brand and of public recognition of the Hard Rock name will also hit at the encroaching opposition. The Hard Rock Café was founded in London in 1971 by Mr Morton and Isaac Tigrett as a kind of American diner with attitude. It was an immediate hit and it was only a matter of time before imitators came along.

The most successful has been Planet Hollywood, a diner themed on Hollywood films and backed by Hollywood stars such as Silvester Stalone. It chooses sites near to Hard Rock Cafés, serves similar food and has gained a considerable following. If it comes to a fight to the death between the chains, brand recognition will be crucial — just as it is between Coca-Cola and Pepsi.

Mr Berk's ambition is to convert Hard Rock from being simply an "entertaining dining experience" to a fully-fledged international entertainment and leisure group.

The process is just beginning. But if he succeeds, Rank may find itself the owner of one of the best known — and most precious — brands in the world.

British Airways may yet have its wings clipped

The American alliance could stifle competition, says David Coltman

One of the longest ministerial deliberations of an Office of Fair Trading report must shortly come to an end with a statement by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, on the proposed British Airways-American Airlines alliance.

Why has it taken so long? We believe it is because the OFT has agreed with the views of a range of neutral organisations — from the Consumers' Association to the Air Transport Users Committee — and found this proposal to be anti-competitive. By favouring a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the OFT has made life rather uncomfortable for Mr Lang.

He must keep the consumer interest in mind as election time looms, but he is also under pressure from those who characterise the BA/AA proposal as good for "UK plc". Advocates of the alliance assume a protected home market monopoly position for BA must be good for British civil aviation as a whole, and choose to ignore any adverse impact on UK consumers.

The outcome of this debate is important to travellers to and from the UK. They may live with the impact of this decision for years to come, and if the alliance goes forward, they will certainly feel it in the long term through even higher air fares.

BA's business fares to the US from Heathrow continue to rise, being the highest per mile from any European city. Since BA formed its alliance with USAir in 1993, fares have continued to rise. The claims from BA/AA that the merger of the two largest carriers will increase competition and lower fares is simply not credible.

We believe the OFT recognises that as BA and American would have a huge market share at Heathrow, there is no prospect that business fares will come down.

BA has promoted its alliance as good for some foreign travellers using the airport as a connecting point. But why should British or American business passengers have to cross-subsidise these travellers by paying higher fares?

We are aware that BA holds up our alliance with Lufthansa as justification for its own plans. "You have built your house, now let us build ours," the argument goes. Of course, each alliance presents different competition issues for regulators. Our alliance created no monopoly routes, was not opposed by any consumer groups and was thoroughly scrutinised by the regulators.

BA says United and Lufthansa have a higher share of slots at Frankfurt than BA and American have at Heathrow. This is misleading because, unlike Heathrow, Frankfurt is not saturated. BA has a far higher share of *available* slots at Heathrow, than Lufthansa has of such slots at Frankfurt.

But there are other points which need consideration. This is a global business where all of us contribute to trade and economies around the world.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, welcomes foreign investment in the UK. But we too are making a significant contribution. United supports more than 2,000 British jobs. We have also boosted European economies by ordering 74 Airbus aircraft, directly participating in the success of companies such as British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce. BA has never chosen to invest in Airbus products.

There really is more to the UK aviation industry than just BA. Would it really be right to promote that airline's interests at the expense of others such as Virgin or British Midland?

So what should Mr Lang do? Ideally, he should still consider referring the deal to the MMC, although political expediency may intervene. If there is no referral, he has to ensure that a competitive structure is put in place that allows all airlines to compete on a fair and equal basis. In particular, airlines such as United and Virgin should be given the means to create real competition for BA/AA at Heathrow. After all, if we were brewers the OFT would be trying to achieve just that — to protect beer drinkers from higher prices through healthy competition.

The real solution is expansion of runways at Heathrow — but that will not happen. So Mr Lang must ensure that BA/AA are not allowed to duplicate services at Heathrow or monopolise *available* slots. Any proposals should be subject to wide consultation — the OFT has promised as much already.

David Coltman wants the MMC to look at the alliance

But what is not fully understood in the UK is that there are other hurdles to overcome. Currently there is no legal mechanism for slot redistribution at Heathrow to those airlines best able to compete with BA and American. This mechanism must be created. In addition, there has to be a process to ensure that other airlines are able to compete by offering the same kind of single-terminal connecting flights envisaged by BA and American. That means addressing the issue of terminal space.

There also has to be agreement between the US and UK on so-called Open Skies — the right for airlines to fly where they want, when they want.

BA and American can expect intense scrutiny from the US Department of Justice and the Department of Transportation. Americans have a legitimate interest in the outcome, and their needs will be looked at closely. There is no guarantee that the American regulators will share the same conclusion as the UK, or the European Commission, which is carrying out its own investigation.

It is also inevitable that regulators will require that BA disinvest in USAir, the world's eighth largest airline, and its existing US alliance partner. USAir itself wants out.

Alliances can work for consumers, as well as the companies they serve. The regulators have a duty to ensure that alliances enhance, not stifle, competition. BA and American's credentials as sensible partners are flimsy because their networks at Heathrow overlap so comprehensively. If they were telecommunications companies, bus operators or brewing giants, it is doubtful that they would make it out of the gate. The BA/AA proposal may yet have its wings clipped and fail to fly — at least as currently envisaged. Business travellers should keep their fingers crossed.

David Coltman is Senior Vice-President — Marketing, United Airlines

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Stronger sterling and periodic crises are reasons to join EMU

From Mr Jerry Jackson

Sir, I read with interest Anatole Kaletsky's article (Exporters should start their prayers before sterling soars) on October 11.

If for short-term political expediency the next UK Government fails to place sufficient emphasis on the control of public spending, then, Kaletsky suggests, the next Chancellor may tolerate excessive strengthening of sterling in the short term, allowing the seeds to be sown for the next sterling crisis.

He also makes the point that such crises have been a depressingly regular part of the post-war UK economy.

And more recently I would suggest, aided by huge advancements in information technology, these crises are more easily heightened by the actions of speculators, resulting in even greater consequential damage to the economy (eg, George Soros in September 1992).

Until now I have believed the UK Government should be very circumspect before deciding to enter into monetary union with our European partners.

Now, in complete contrast to his previous anti-EMU utterances, I believe Kaletsky may have put forward the strongest argument for our early entry into the EMU.

Yours faithfully,
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BAA retailing popular among passengers

From the Director,
Corporate and Public
Affairs, *BAA plc.*

Sir, One tries to be kind, but frankly Sir Terence Conran is in danger of becoming a national bore on the subject of retailing at BAA's airports.

What is it that really worries him? Is it our success?

It can't be the effect on our customers, because 90 per cent of passengers say that they want to see high quality shopping facilities at airports. Indeed, they continue to propose additional shops they would like to find there. This is confirmed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. In its recent report on the company, it stated: "The general impression . . . is that passengers find the experience of passing through the three airports more enjoyable than was previously the case."

Mr Conran, who uses his well known name to get excessive coverage for his views on this matter, should simply accept that the retail facilities at our airports are (1) popular, (2) essential to the company's ability to fund vital airport infrastructure, and (3) the envy of most of the rest of the world's airports, which is why increasingly they are coming to BAA to discuss our management of this part of the business.

Yours faithfully,
DES WILSON,
BAA plc,
130 Wilton Road,
London, SW1.

Try not to do water industry a disservice

From the Director,
Water Services Association

Sir, Christine Buckley's article (Water, water everywhere, but never a drop in price, October 16) simply does not present a balanced view of the water industry.

Here are just five facts that she might have included to give a more accurate picture.

Fact One: The price of water would already have come down in real terms had it not been for the massive investment needed to put right the neglect of decades.

Fact Two: Prices are already rising less fast than in the 1980s even though investment has doubled.

Fact Three: Over £17 billion has been invested by the water industry over the last six years.

Fact Four: The quality of drinking water has never been higher, and bathing waters and rivers are cleaner than ever.

Fact Five: Since last summer the industry has made significant progress in driving down leakage. The companies most affected by the drought have saved enough water to meet the needs of two million people.

By all means criticise where criticism is due, but your readers expect balanced reporting — not propaganda.

Yours faithfully,
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SW1.

Acceptance of flotation far from mutual

From Sir Jeremy H. Beecham

Sir, I chose to take out pension policies and life insurance with the Norwich Union partly because it was a mutual office.

I am far from persuaded that the proposed flotation will be in the long-term interests of policyholders, as opposed to the short-term interests of executives and advisers.

I might be more readily persuaded if the society's executives adopted a self-denying ordinance which excluded access to executive share options schemes and limited their future salaries and bonuses by reference to the return to policyholders (as opposed to shareholders).

Will they do so?

Yours faithfully,
SIR JEREMY H. BEECHAM
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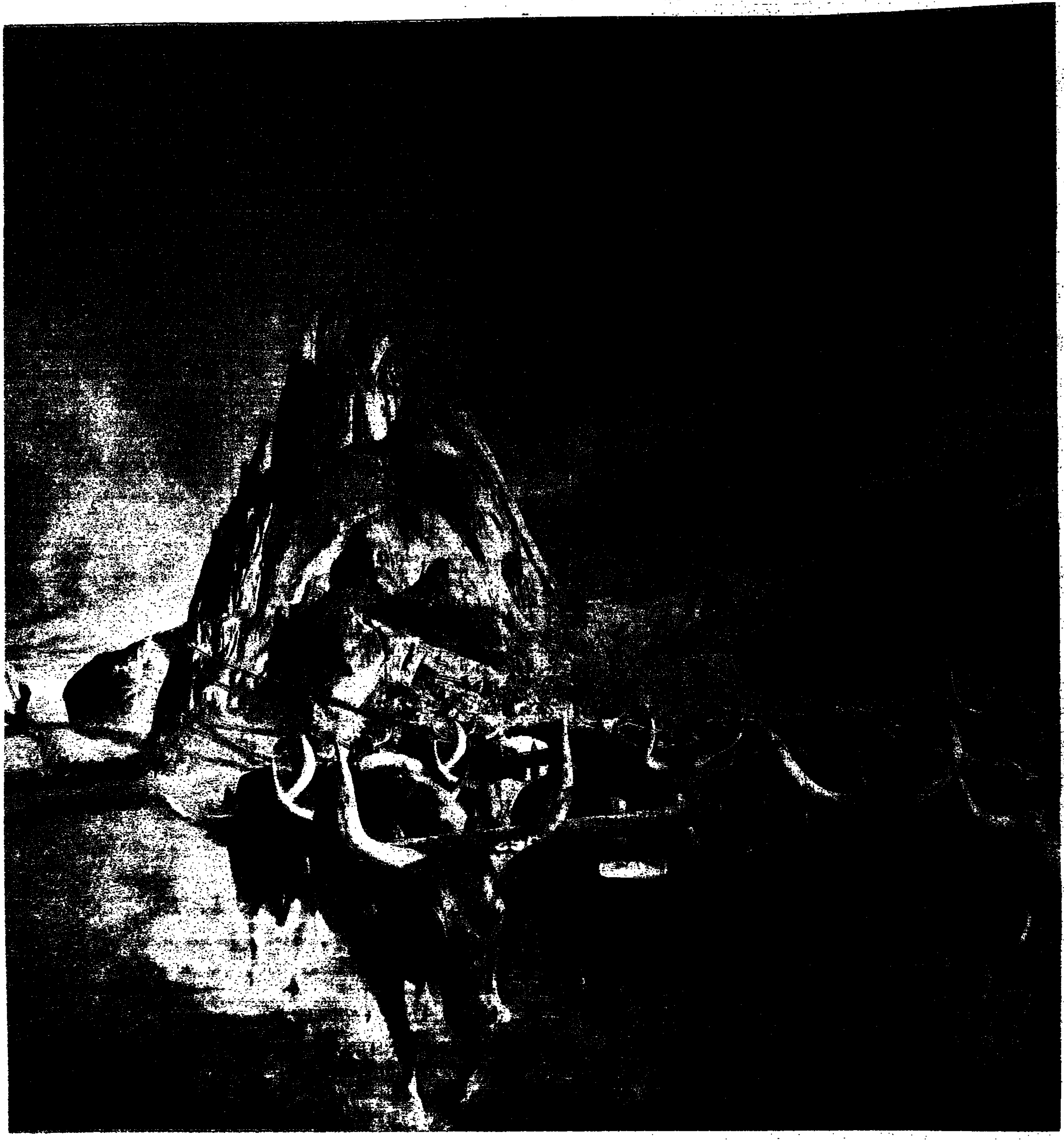

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
598	418	Allied Domecq	479	+ 5½	6.2	18.1
625	477	Bulmer (HP)	520	...	3.2	17.4
131	88½	Burn Stewart	88	...	8.2	...
775	635	Glenmorangie A	755		2.0	18.3
498	411	Grand Met	470	− 5½	4.1	20.0
489	425	Guinness	448½	+ ½	4.2	13.9
378	315	Highland Dist	330½	+ ½	3.2	15.6
803	277½	Matthew Clark	315	+ 15	9.5	15.0
141	83	[illegible]	130½		5.1	10.1
2612½	1588½	SA Breweries	1588½	− 37½	2.1	..

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3716½	2468½	ABN-AMRO	3568½	− 9½	4.7	12.8
663	326	Abbey Natl	637	+ 1	4.6	11.8
409	315	Allied Irish	398½	− ½	4.8	11.2
374½	285	Aus New Z	353½	+ ½	5.2	8.7
5593½	3843½	Bank America	5443½			
318	227½	Bank Scotland	280	− 5½	3.3	10.3
1012	683	Barclays	989½	− 12½	3.6	10.6
528½	413	Bk of Ireland	520	− 1	3.6	11.9
492	379	Cater Allen	401½	− 1½	9.3	11.9
5658½	4081½	Citicorp	5652½			
397	307½	Close Bros	328	...	3.6	13.3
1575	1336½	Commerzbk	1425	+ 12½	8.5	..
1350	1015½	Dai Ichi Kan Yt	1021½	+ 6½	0.9	..
3412½	2881½	Deutsche Bk	2903½	+ 16½	2.5	
806½	593½	Espirito Santo	775		4.4	10.8
1607	1119½	Fuji Bank Y	1135	+ 15	0.4	
472	263½	Gerrard Natl	264		10.9	10.8
267½	198	Hambros	246½	− 1½	3.8	
1312	931	HSBC	1272	− 19	3.7	12.0
1277½	930	HSBC HK	1240	− 16	3.8	11.7
471	385	Irish Perm	471	+ 4½	3.0	12.9
187	143	King Shaxson	171		6.8	14.9
465	405	Leopold J	465	+ 10	5.2	16.8
416½	284½	Lloyds TSB	392½	− 5½	3.8	16.5
685½	586	Nat Aust Bk	682	− 3½	6.4	8.7
726½	485½	Nat West	703	− 11½	4.7	10.0
67	49½	Rea Brothers	62½	+ 1	2.0	24.6
598	464	Ryl Bk Scot	509½	+ 3½	4.2	11.2
1468	1135	Schroders	1385	− 10	1.8	15.7
1205	890	Schroders N/V	1167½	...	1.9	13.3
134	99½	Singer & Fried	126½	− ½	4.2	9.3
729½	547	Stand Chart	682½	− 3	2.2	13.3
115½	95½	Ulster	103½	..	5.6	11.1
£174½	£131½	Wells Fargo	£164½	..	2.0	
346½	284	Westpac	340	+ 2½	4.0	10.7
380	289	Woolwich	335		4.7	16.8

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
99	36	[illegible]	70			10.5
848½	702	Bass	787½	+ 4½	3.7	17.0
70	40	[illegible]	55½	...	3.7	17.3
205	181	Burtonwood Brw	181½	+ 2	3.8	18.4
135½	92	City Centre Rest	135	− ½	2.1	25.4
621	463	Compass Gp	608½	− ½	1.8	29.0
266	[illegible]	Eldridge P 'A'©	245		2.4	22.6
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A'	450	+ 2½	2.6	15.4
636	546	Greenalls Grp	587½	− 1	3.2	15.4
671	537½	Greene King	651	+ 1½	3.0	16.3
285	190	Grosvenor Inns	201½	− 1	3.8	21.4
250	204	Groupe Chez Gerrt	247½		1.4	
357	280½	Hardy Hanson	284½	...	4.3	11.0
3475	2775	Holt JT	2775		2.8	14.9
72	45	Inn Business	67	− ½	1.0	31.7

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
568	426	[illegible]	563½	...	2.8	19.0
28½	18	Bridgend Gp	23½	...	1.2	...
113	78	[illegible]	95	...	4.9	10.8
290	245	[illegible]	285	...	5.0	22.8
180	105	[illegible]	130	− 4½	3.3	8.5
107½	78	Charles Sidney	83½	+ 2	5.7	11.8
79	54½	Cook (DC)	69	...	4.4	7.4
175	94½	[illegible]	95	...	10.1	8.7
183	125½	[illegible] B	142½	...	2.3	14.3
434	328	Diploma	393½	+ 1	4.6	19.8
407	328	Electrocomponts	400	+ 2½	2.7	25.8
314	172	Eurodis Elect	183½	− 1½	3.3	17.7
134½	95	Eurodollar	120	− 1½	4.3	18.0
105	76	European Mtr	85½	..	7.6	9.5
375	258	Evans Halshaw	254	...	8.1	9.9
67	48	Fife Indmar	50	...	8.2	7.5
288	248	Finelist Grp	314½	...	2.5	18.1
33½	16½	Gardiner	85½	...	3.3	13.4
81	33½	Glenchewton	75½	...	1.7	22.3
97½	70½	Gowrings†	84½	...	4.1	14.4
101	84½	Hamlin†	88	− 2	8.5	8.2
292	216	Harris (Philip)	253½	...	4.0	18.1
285½	200½	Hewden	285½	+ 6½	2.2	23.6
300	132	Holders Tech	178½	...	4.2	16.6
209½	153	ISA Intl	208½	...	1.5	18.0
316	231	Inchcape†	269	+ 3	3.5	24.7
78	33	Jacks (Wm)#	62½	...	4.0	21.5
280	169	Kwik-Fit†	224½	− 4	2.9	18.0
390	299	Lex Service	362	− 2	5.3	11.8
155	115	Lookers	117½	...	8.5	8.9
12	10½	Malaya Grp†	11½	..	7.0	12.6
8½	8	Middlebrook	8½	+ ½	1.5	8.9
47	31	Mililclees	46	+ ½	0.7	...
565	440	Nexlaie	491		1.9	14.4
349	230	Northumber	287½	..	0.9	11.0
182	108	PCT©	125		7.7	11.7
331	201½	Partco†	316½	− 1	2.9	15.2
341	272	Pendragon	330½		3.5	18.7
211	145	Perry Gp	180½	+ 3	5.8	9.2
745	602	Premier Farnell†	688	+ 10½	2.1	36.7
190	135	Quicks Group†	157½		3.2	11.8
315	185	REA	231		2.2	27.7
3	2	Rasco	2½			
54	25½	Rowson	27	− ½	6.9	9.3
4½	2	Ross Gp	3½			
58	45½	SEP Ind	59½	− ½	4.1	11.0
105	88	Sellan	84	− 1	1.5	27.2
417½	240	Time Products	380½		3.8	14.9
58½	30	Toxic Group†	57½	− 1	3.4	17.8
301½	128	UniECO	282½	− 5	1.8	25.7
332½	263½	Vardy (Reg)	282½	...	2.8	13.7
483	325	WF Elect	481½	− ½	3.8	18.3
59	25½	Whitmer	38	− ½	2.7	10.5
148½	75½	Wyko	130½	− 2	2.2	18.5
146	104	Young (H)	138½	...	3.6	12.8

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1½	0½	Anglo Utd	0½			
388	288	Amalgamated†	358	...	1.8	13.8
397	353	Ascot Hldgs	388½	...		11.5
1085	797½	[illegible]	825½	− 1	3.0	18.7
340	229	BTR†	251	− 5	4.8	18.8
596	418½	BAT†	486	− ½	7.1	8.6
224	103	Berisford Intl	110		4.0	8.0
138½	108	Bibby (J)	138½	+ ½	5.4	10.1
65	50½	Brierley Inv	55	− ½	8.0	8.6
972	810	Charter†	822	− 6½	4.3	11.7
326	234	Cookson†	244	− 5½	4.3	13.0
212½	141	Cosalt	207½	...	5.5	13.1
289	204	DCC	259½		3.3	18.3
147½	111	[illegible]	125½	− ½	5.2	12.9
138½	81½	[illegible]	82½	− 1	18.1	4.2

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
299	200	[illegible]	299½	+ ½	4.6	13.7
18	4	Quadrant Gp	10½	− ½	3.0	..
65	62	Radiant Metal	65			
69	50½	Ransomes	64½	..	1.1	13.3
83	55	Record	55	− 3½	8.4	10.9
324	231	Renold	311½	...	2.2	14.8
38	8½	Richards Group	8½	...		
89	71½	Richardson West	82½		5.6	9.4
270	187	Rolls-Royce†	256	− 8	2.4	25.4
277½	171	Rotork	277½		2.8	23.0
192	160	Rubicon†	185	...	4.1	13.7
1584½	1187½	SKF 'B'	1408½		3.5	8.1
121½	92½	Senior Engl	120	+ 1	3.7	16.5

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
238	221	Br Inv	227½	− 1	3.0	35.3
77½	67	Brazilian	70½		2.3	
291	259	Brunner	286½	− ½	2.7	..
132	119	BZW Conv	121½		8.0	14.3
575½	488	Candover	572½		2.9	34.4
68	39	Central Euro Gwth	61	− ½	0.9	
224½	177	Contl Asset	221		1.7	..
75	62	Dame Inv Inc	67	..	15.4	7.0
405	325	Derby Cap	395	...		
160½	136	Derby Inc	160½	..	17.5	8.3
744	654	Dunedin Inc G	711	− 3½	4.9	24.9
372	314	Dunedin Smlr	347	− 2	3.2	44.6
885	789	Dunedin Wrde	812	− 7	1.5	70.8

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
31	12½	Mercury Wld Wts	12½	..		
629½	567	Monks Inv Tst	612½	− 3	2.0	47.0
170½	151	Morg Gren Inc	153½	− 1	5.1	
70½	52½	Morg Wts	52½			
78½	57½	Morg Latn Amer	71½	− 1	0.5	.
32	20	Morg Wts	25½			
131	111	Murray Ent	126		2.8	
24	16	Murray Ent Wts	20			
95	76½	Murray Emg Eco	77½		1.5	70.1
35½	19½	Murray Em Ec Wt	20½	− ½		
68	54	Murray Euro	65½	− 1	0.7	..
392	338	Murray Income	362		4.6	26.8
429	377	Murray Intl	411½	− 1½	3.9	30.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	75	City of Lon	84½		7.5	12.3
138	93	[illegible]	102½	− 1	.	
1731½	1300	Daily Mail	1425		1.6	34.7
1669½	1169½	Daily Mail 'A'	1337½		1.7	32.5
646	480	Dorling Kindt	541		1.0	34.5
796	530	EMAP	710½	+ 1½	2.0	30.1
1488	1099	EMI	1226	− 6½	2.8	36.9
1031	845½	Elsevier	1041½	+ 2½	2.1	26.8
1336	1030	Euromoney Pb	1310		4.2	25.0
43½	19	Fitch	37			10.4
611	440	Flextech	611	+ 21		
251	199	GGT Group†	223		3.3	15.6
259½	174	GWR Gp	206	− 1½	1.4	31.5

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
157	127	H Govett Strat	142	− ½	2.2	60.3
110½	89½	HTR Jap Smaller	89½	− 1½	.	.
16	9	I&S Eql	15	...		
156½	114	I&S UK Smlr	154½	− ½	2.3	35.4
148	129	Inv Cap	143½		4.6	25.4
157	101	Inl Biotech	187½	− 2	..	
70	23½	Inl Wts	24½	− 2		
115	89	Intl C	89	− 2½	..	65.1
114	93½	INVESCO Asia	98½	− 1	0.8	
65	43	INVESCO Blue	51	− ½	20.6	5.2
181	135	INVESCO Eng Int	177½	+ ½	0.7	59.9
92	72½	INVESCO Jap Dis	72½	− ½	..	..
137	98	INVESCO Korea	98½	− 2½	..	...
69½	48½	INVESCO Tokyo	48	− ½		...
95½	65	J Fry 2nd U	74	...	11.6	
79	66½	J Fry Euro U	73½	+ 1	7.5	11.8
260	205	JF Fledg Jap	205	− 2½	...	
90½	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	87½		11.1	9.6
7	4	Jupiter Ex Inc Wt	5			
83	70	Jupiter Gbl Cap	81½	...	12.2	10.2
30	24½	Jupiter Gbl Pld	29½			
128	106	Jupiter Intl Grn	123		3.8	
289½	252	Klwrt Chrtf	295½	− 1	2.3	52.2
130	107½	Klwrt E Mkt	107½	− 1½		
160½	133	Klwrt End	160	+ ½		...
99½	80	Klwrt Euro Priv	97½	.	2.9	43.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
86	55	[illegible]	82½	+ 2		
251	160	Eurocamp	162½		8.5	7.8
308	125	Euro Disney	127½	+ ½		
214	148	Euro Leisure	172	+ 2	...	4.2
19	12½	[illegible]	17½			
86	49½	First Choice†	56½	.	8.5	
400	345	First Leisure†	369½	.	2.7	21.1
198	142	Friendly Hotels	174		4.1	22.0
899	619	Granada	880	+ 2½	1.7	22.3
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	40½			16.2
242½	148	Hornby	242½		2.3	
553	423	[illegible]	438	− 2	2.6	16.1
193	155	Jarvis Hotels	161½	− ½		
301½	201	Jurys Hotel	257½	− 2½	3.1	
31½	21½	Kunick	21½	− ½	3.7	18.3
213	143	Ladbroke†	200	+ 1	3.8	26.5
332½	212½	London Clubs	315½		3.1	21.0
595	188	Man Utd†	513	+ 5½	1.3	
96½	77½	Mandarin Orntl†	84½	− 1½	4.1	19.0
353½	278	Millennium & Cop	330½		0.3	26.0
162½	89	Northern	159	− 2½	3.4	18.0
146	114	Prism Leisure	127½	..	5.6	7.4
38	28	Queensborough	31½			
32	11½	Queens Moat	15½	− 1		
547	413	Rank Grp	413	− 7	4.8	13.8
47	31	Ryan Hotels Ei	38½	..	5.6	7.8

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
74½	65½	M&G Inc Zero Div	74	...	..	..
26	21	M&G Rec Cap	23½	− 1		
52	44½	M&G Rec Geared	49½	− ½	13.8	9.1
27	23	M&G Rec Inc	25½	...	26.7	4.7
150½	133	M&G Rec Pacge	148½	− ½	4.6	27.2
101½	88½	M&G Rec Zero Div	101½	+ ½	.	
152	114	M Currie Euro	148	− ½	0.6	.
112	92	M Currie Japan	92	− ½		
187	143	M Currie Pac	148½	− 2½	0.8	..
244	222	Majedie	242½	..	3.2	37.3
298	235	Merchants†	266	− ½	6.1	22.0
107½	91	Mercury Euro Pv	104½	− ½	2.3	40.4
33	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	30½	− ½		
110	92	Mercury World	93½	.	1.3	70.7

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	37½	Anglo Gp	64½	..	0.4	20.8
28	16½	Atlantic Telecom	24½		...	
21	14	BBB Design©	21		...	31.1
425	273	Barbour Index	330	+ 2½	3.6	38.4
9	5½	[illegible]	6½			
340	325	Black (A&C)	340	.	5.1	12.0
501½	238	Blenheim Gp	498	+ 1	2.6	16.4
318	248	Border TV	292½	+ 5	2.5	20.0
433	355	Bristol	431½		4.1	23.0
697	376	BSkyB†	591½	− 4	1.2	43.4
188	132½	CIA Gp	132½	+ 1	2.1	15.5
734	533	Capital Radio	585	..	2.3	22.1
534	379½	Carlton Comm	503	− 2	2.5	17.0
559	353	Chrysalis	497½		0.7	..

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
345	252	[illegible]	294	− 3½	.	
205	151	Brewin Dolphin	189		5.0	11.8
805	695	Caledonia	759		3.0	24.6
2550	1700	Camellia†	2425		1.7	12.6
276	213	Cattles†	250½		3.6	18.9
42	18	[illegible]	37	+ ½	.	
147	90	EFT Group†	139½	− ½	2.0	15.3
725	574	EFM†	586½	+ 9½	5.3	25.9
118	59½	Exco†	60	− 1½	15.6	10.1
1280	1075	Henderson Ad	1261		4.5	20.2
286	217	Investec	232	+ 1	2.6	13.4
97½	79½	Investment Co	96		5.7	15.6
268	228	Ivory Sime	280½		3.7	20.9
230½	183½	Jardine Strat	198½	− ½	4.5	
172½	88	Johnson Fry†	149		3.4	6.6
385	338	Liberty Intl	391		4.8	22.2
299½	218	Lon Forfaiting	289		4.5	12.6
261	215	London Pacific	235		7.7	10.9
117	87½	Lon Scot Bk	94		3.5	17.7
186	139	Man ED & F	172		7.3	8.2
1354	1058	M & G	1112½		3.8	20.7
1117½	841	MAM	1095	+ 1	4.0	20.7
109	90½	Nat Home Loan	102	+ 3	1.2	4.5
2575	1830	Perpetual	2377½		2.5	21.1
500	395	Provident†	458½	+ 3	4.1	17.3
338	310	Rathbone Bis	322½	..	4.1	14.4
60½	37½	Rutland Tst†	52½	− ½	3.0	15.7
95	42	SEC Group	94		5.7	18.4
457	280	S & U†	410		5.0	10.3
57	33	Towry Law	42½	+ ½	..	
8	5	Trio Hldgs	5½			

BRITISH FUNDS

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103½	100½	Conv 10% 1996	100½	...	9.98	5.93
101½	100½	Treas 7% 1997	100½	− ½	6.95	6.01
107½	100½	Treas 13¼% 1997	101½	− ½	13.05	5.92
107½	100½	Exch 10½% 1997	101½	.	10.36	5.86
107½	102½	Treas 8¾% 1997	102½	− ½	8.57	6.06
114½	102½	Exch 15% 1997	108½	− ½	13.83	6.10
106½	103½	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	− ½	9.38	6.25
109½	100½	Treas 7¼% 1998	101½		7.16	6.30
118½	110½	Treas 14% 1998-01	111½	+ ½	12.61	6.42
122½	115½	Treas 15½% 1998	115½	− ½	13.38	6.52
114½	110½	Exch 12% 1998	110½	+ ½	10.89	6.56
109½	105½	Treas 9½% 1999	105½	− ½	8.99	6.62
116½	110½	Exch 12¼% 1999	112½	− ½	10.93	6.66
112½	108½	Treas 10½% 1999	108½	− ½	9.67	6.71
98½	98	Treas 6% 1999	98½	− ½	6.11	6.63
112½	108½	Conv 10¼% 1999	109½	− ½	9.39	6.80
108½	104½	Conv 9% 2000	106½	+ ½	8.46	6.82
105½	101½	Treas 8% 2000	103½	+ ½	7.72	6.93
124½	115½	Treas 13% 2000	119½	+ ½	10.88	6.94
114	100½	Treas 10% 2001	110½		9.02	7.03
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101½	96½	Treas 7% 2001	98½		7.02	7.07
114½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	111½	− ½	8.73	7.23
105½	99½	Treas 8% 2003	103½	...	7.70	7.24
117½	99	Treas 10% 2003	114½		8.75	7.31
121½	114½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116½	...	9.90	7.11
84½	78½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	83½	− ½	4.21	6.28
114½	107½	Conv 9½% 2004	112½	− ½	8.47	7.45
97½	91½	Treas 6¾% 2004	95½	− ½	7.04	7.41
108½	101½	Treas 8½% 2005	106½	− ½	7.99	7.50
114½	108½	Conv 9½% 2005	112½	− ½	8.46	7.51
131½	123½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127½	− ½	9.78	7.35
101½	94½	Treas 7½% 2006	99½	− ½	7.53	7.55
103½	96½	Treas 7¾% 2006	101½	− ½	7.67	7.58
104½	97½	Treas 8% 2002-06	101½	− ½	7.85	7.44
125½	118½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121½	+ ½	9.66	7.33
108½	101½	Treas 8½% 2007	106½	− ½	8.00	7.61
112½	103½	Treas 9% 2008	110½		8.16	7.66
104½	96½	Treas 8% 2009	101½	− ½	7.85	7.72
LONGS (over 15 years)						
88½	81½	Treas 6¼% 2010	86½	− ½	7.21	7.82
112½	104½	Conv 9% 2011	110½	− ½	8.18	7.81
113½	104½	Treas 9% 2012	110½	− ½	8.16	7.84
82½	75½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	80½	− ½	6.85	7.62
103½	94½	Treas 8% 2013	101½	− ½	7.90	7.87
101½	93½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	98½	− ½	7.88	7.88
103½	95½	Treas 8% 2015	100½	− ½	7.92	7.87
111½	102½	Treas 8¾% 2017	108½	− ½	8.08	7.92
149½	130½	Exch 12% 2013-17	138½	+ ½	8.69	7.89
103½	95½	Tr 8% 2021	100½	− ½	7.93	7.87
UNDATED						
45½	41½	War Ln 3½%	44½	− ½	7.93	
32½	28½	Treas 2½%	31		8.07	
50½	46½	Consols 4%	49½	− ½	8.16	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
114½	111½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114½		0.39	2.23
185½	178½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	185½	− ½	2.58	3.14
181½	171½	Treas IL 2½% 2003	181½	− ½	2.83	3.26
118½	112½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118½	− ½	2.92	3.30
191½	178½	Treas IL 2% 2006	190½	− ½	3.09	3.38
172	161½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	171½	− ½	3.20	3.45
177½	165½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	177½	− ½	3.28	3.50
146½	137½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	145½	− ½	3.34	3.53
155½	145½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	155½	− ½	3.40	3.58
149½	138½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	148½	− ½	3.46	3.61
124½	115½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	123½	− ½	3.46	3.60
122½	113½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121½	− ½	3.47	3.61

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
350	163½	Brit Biotech	220½	− 20		
715	348	Cantab Pharm	587½			
693	441	Celltech	465			
588	224	Chiroscience	354	− 12	..	
447	166	Cortecs	183½	− 8		
1034½	757	Glaxo Wellc	970½	− 15½	3.9	13.8
475	252	ML Laboratories©	256	− 10½	.	
285	208	Medeva	267	− 3	2.0	15.1
248	175½	Peptide Thera	184½	+ 7		
808	524	Scotia	576	− 4		
266	183	Shire Pharms	201½	− 3½		30.6
96	69	SkyePharma	83½			
828	639½	SmithKline	763½	− 19½	2.5	27.5
532	445	Therp Anti Inc	498	− 2		.
633	457½	Vanguard	502½	− 5		..
1768½	1216	Zeneca†	1711½	− 38½	2.4	37.3

PRINTING & PAPER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
158	130	AG Holdings	157	.	4.6	13.2
735	547	API	730	.	1.8	24.2
140	87½	App Holo	87½	− 4		
212	161	Arjo Wiggins†	165		5.7	
295	122½	Ascent Comms©†	135	− 17½	5.8	10.6
422½	339	Bemrose†	405½	. .	4.6	13.5
204½	138	Blagden	198		1.5	16.9
2725	2037½	Bowater Inc	2158½	+ 40½		
346½	208½	[illegible] Intl	314½	− 7	1.1	24.9
770	645	Br Polythene†	735	− 1½	2.9	15.7
38	16	Br Thornton	19			
168	132	[illegible]	153		2.5	13.0
245½	191	Bunzl†	238½	− ½	3.1	14.8
207½	170½	Capital Inds▼	192½		3.5	13.3
360½	279	Cooper (Jmes)	350½		1.4	27.6

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
522	258	Lloyds Chem†	517½	− 1	2.5	19.9
209½	149½	MFI	208	− 1	2.6	24.5
533	416½	Marks Spencer	522	− 1½	2.7	21.5
635	525	Menzies (John)†	578		3.0	14.4
21½	15½	Merchant Retail	20	.		
1305	875	Moss Bros†	1185		2.0	24.1
603½	420	Next	574½	− ½	2.9	23.5
63	31½	Owen (G)	40½			
540	400	[illegible] Intl	539		2.8	18.0
85½	66	Partridge Fine	74½	− 1	4.9	12.6
56	32	OS Hldgs	38½	.	5.1	
299½	191	Rosebys	290½		2.5	22.5
105	85½	Sears†	88	.	5.6	71.7
34	14½	Signet Group	25½			.
534	389	Smith WH	456	− 5	4.3	
1060	820	Sothebys	996	− 7½	2.0	.
362	279	Storehouse	281	− 6½	3.2	16.0
157	90	Stylo	152		3.8	23.6
231	175½	T & S Stores†	175½	− 4	5.2	11.3
410	345½	Thorn	358	− ½	4.5	19.1
184½	159	Tie Rack	184		1.9	18.3
3½	2½	Upton & South	3½			32.9
664	542	Vendome	567½	− ½	2.2	20.6
29½	12	WEW Group	28		..	
141	66	Wickes#	69		3.8	.
94	52	Wld of Leather	71½		3.0	
235½	198	Wyevale	235½	. .	3.1	17.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1560	883	ADT	1202½			
337½	314½	AEA Tech	329½	− 1	2.8	13.3
135	92	Alpha Airpts†	102½	+ 5½	6.1	13.1
38	36	Alphameric	33½	+ 1	.	
292½	215	Allers WS	290		2.5	23.4
180	129	BNB Resr	164		5.2	8.9
400	283	BPP†	360½		4.0	17.4
203	155	BSM	195		4.6	12.9
2675	1015	BTG	2475	− 37½	0.2	
1350	400	Borland©	525			
189	123	Brit Data Mgt	173½	.	3.9	20.9
110½	80	Brooks Service†	99½		4.0	15.9
488	373	Business Post	460		2.4	26.0
807½	329	CMG†	772½	− 8½	1.0	34.8
356	111½	CRT Gpt	249½		2.1	37.8
958½	187	Card Gp	682½		0.5	53
432½	285	Capita Group	416½	.	1.4	34.5
10½	6	[illegible]	8		2.3	13.9
386	312½	Chubb Sec	315		3.3	15.6
195½	92	Corp Services	178		3.2	21.7
59½	46	Coutts Cnslg	56½		4.8	18.2
237½	73	DCS Gpt	230½		0.8	29.5
276½	202½	Davis Service	265	− 6	4.6	14.3
580	367	Delphi†	575	+ 12½	1.0	20.0
170	98	Dudley Jenkins	168	− 2	2.7	23.1
82	38	EW Fact†	66½		3.1	18.2
116	62½	El Data Prc	62½	− 2	4.3	9.0
425	245	Fl Group	421½		1.2	36.7

WATER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
631	512	Anglian	542½	+ 2½	6.9	7.0
785	656	Hyder	706½	+ 20	6.8	10.2
109	96	Hyder Cn Prf	104½	− ½	9.4	
605	420	Mid Kent Hldgs	597½		5.0	10.3
688	518	Severn Trent	617½	+ 13	6.6	6.9
2735	2375	South Staffs	2730		3.5	14.4
731	489	South West	592½	− 2½	6.4	7.6
599	526½	Thames	552½	+ 7½	7.0	7.0
633	529	Utd Utilities	556½	− 7	6.5	11.2
374	295	Wessex	338½	− ½	5.6	6.7
701	580	Yorkshire	604½	+ 10	6.4	8.4

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
87½	18	Abacus Recruit	84½			
213	95	Cafe Inns	155	− 3	1.9	12.8
138½	58	Country Gdns	137½	+ 1	1.3	34.1
1700	860	Dawson Hldgs	1675	.	2.4	14.7
38½	14	Freepages	37½	− ½		
117	92	Megalomedia	96½			.
475	22½	Memory Corp	53½			
180	85½	Old English Pub	180	+ 4	1.0	56.5
560	292½	Pet City	497½	− 27½		
585	520	Southern News†	580	+ 10	3.8	16.5
79½	50	Southern Vectis	75½	.	3.1	17.5
342	122	Surrey Fr Inst	341		0.8	
79½	46	Trocadero	54	− ½	.	

Source: FT Information

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	225.40	238.50	-0.30	0.14
Grofund Equity	286.80	305.10	-1.70	1.80
Grofund Euro	289.50	304.10	-1.70	0.57
Grofund Exp Bal	134.30	139.20		2.53
Grofund Gilt	76.15	78.67	-0.14	6.37
Grofund Japan	156.30	165.40	+0.40	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	679.90	723.30†	-5.00	2.42
General Inc	567.50	603.80†	-6.60	2.42
UK Growth Acc	468.00	497.90†	-4.20	2.57
UK Growth Inc	302.90	322.30†	-2.60	2.57
Higher Inc Acc	811.30	863.10†	-4.50	4.02
Higher Inc Inc	432.20	459.80†	-2.40	4.02
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	213.40	225.40†	-0.10	5.42
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.43	98.68†	-0.06	5.42
Nth America	365.30	388.70†	-20.80	
Europe	359.30	382.30†	-4.60	0.49
Brit Excell	92.29	98.18	-1.00	2.69
Brit Fndmtls Acc	115.90	123.40†	-0.50	4.55
Brit Fndmtls Inc	77.57	82.53†	-0.30	4.55
Global Opps	100.09	107.40	-4.00	
Balanced Acc	63.57	67.63†	-0.28	2.54
Balanced Inc	59.31	63.10†	-0.25	2.54
Japan Acc	42.37	45.08†	-2.19	
Pac Basin Acc	389.00	414.70†	-12.00	0.95
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	132.00	140.20†	-0.50	6.86
High Inc Equity	183.20	195.90†	-0.80	4.40
Worldwide Bond	278.30	295.20	+0.40	4.98
American Growth	381.30	407.40	-1.70	0.31
Asian Pacific	314.90	336.90	-2.30	0.08
Assets & Earnings	313.30	335.10	-1.30	2.76
Euro Capital Acc	186.30	199.30	-0.40	0.79
Extra Inc	43.48	46.26†	-0.10	7.75
General	288.30	304.60	-1.60	2.88
Global Opps	68.54	72.92	-0.30	0.55
Japan	108.40	115.90	+0.50	
Mans, st Inc	48.18	51.26†	-0.13	4.88
Mastertrust	168.30	180.00	-0.50	1.02
US Emerging Cos	207.40	220.60	-2.10	
Ethical	82.29	87.54	+0.02	2.48
International	135.30	143.90	-0.30	0.38
Dividend & Growth	68.64	73.02	-0.25	4.20
Global Wealth & Sec	73.53	78.58	-0.07	2.37
Latin America	63.59	67.65	-0.50	
Capital Reserve	145.90	145.90	+0.10	4.80
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2377.00	2471.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	60.89	63.19†	-0.03	0.15
Emerging Mkts	70.37	74.25	-0.31	0.05
European	150.50	156.60	+0.40	
Exempt	1104.00	1167.00†	-1.00	1.60
Extra Income #	46.75	49.80†	-0.19	6.53
Far East Emg Eco	127.10	133.40	-0.50	0.47
Fixed Interest #	25.79	26.82	-0.01	8.86
Fund Inv Tst	154.00	167.50†	-0.10	9.50
Japan	167.10	173.60	-2.20	
Latin American	58.28	60.68	-0.27	0.80
Pacific	82.40	86.52	+0.09	0.30
Property Share	71.82	75.39	-0.15	2.32
UK Emerging Cos	71.21	76.97	-0.06	1.25
UK Growth	54.63	57.57†	-0.36	2.04
Abtr World Port #	82.55	84.14	-0.43	3.44
Ethical	77.91	81.00	-0.14	2.18
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.94	50.98†		7.27
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdtl Property #	98.91	106.40		5.27
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	92.39	98.03†	-0.30	2.24
Income Builder Inc	82.54	87.81	-0.44	4.12
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	289.60	309.50†	-2.10	3.00
Capital	510.60	545.80†	-1.90	1.15
Balanced	847.80	906.30	-5.70	2.30
Accumulator	1627.00	1739.00†	-10.00	1.79
Income Trusts				
American Income	61.63	65.70†	-0.19	2.43
High Income	464.60	496.60†	-2.90	4.30
Equity Income	263.80	282.00	-1.80	3.94
High Yield	282.50	301.90†	-1.80	3.98
Govt Securities	34.11	36.01†	-0.08	6.06
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	212.90	227.10†	-1.50	0.05
European Growth	52.80	56.22†	-0.24	0.07
International	184.80	197.50	-0.90	0.11
Japan	186.60	199.40	+1.30	
Pacific	397.00	424.30	-1.10	
Secs of America	582.40	620.20	-7.80	0.13
Worlds Asset Vst	55.50	59.32†	-0.20	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	853.40	898.40	-5.00	1.96
Conv & Gilt	51.27	54.80†	-0.15	3.87
Smaller Cos	209.20	223.60	-0.10	1.02
2nd Smaller Cos	198.20	211.80†	-0.20	0.87
Recovery	172.80	184.50†	-1.10	1.53
Met Min & Cdty	166.50	177.80†	-0.60	0.17
Oseas Earnings	433.80	463.70	-2.60	1.05
Technology	219.50	234.60†	-2.10	
UK Special Sits	595.30	636.30	-3.00	0.98
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cnkstd Del Pens	120.60	125.20		3.04
Fosndtn Persl Pens	71.94	74.74		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	86.98	92.51	-0.28	1.15
International	69.90	74.36		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	347.80	370.80†	-2.00	
Bond	118.40	124.60†	-0.50	6.71
Brit Smlr Cos	119.80	127.40		1.75
Conv & Gen #	70.09	74.56	-0.12	5.24
Europe	280.80	298.00	-0.60	0.59
Euro Smlr Cos	125.30	133.00	+0.20	0.58
Income Gwth	363.60	386.80†	-1.30	4.91
Japan	292.50	310.90†	+2.40	
Latin American	83.40	88.72	-0.24	0.78
Pacific	110.60	117.70	-0.30	1.03
UK Smlr Cos	60.22	64.06	-0.02	1.25
Japan Fd	607.50	625.20	+3.90	
Mngd Fd	203.50	216.00†	-0.50	2.78
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	376.40	398.60		0.89
Capital Gwth	131.90	139.50		3.10
Wrlde Opps	222.50	235.40		0.92

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	102.90	109.72	-0.22	2.33
American Portfolio	123.45	131.16	-0.71	0.87
European Portfolio	135.42	144.08†	+0.21	0.82
High Income	52.68	52.81	-0.20	6.95
Japanese Portfolio	64.13	67.97	+0.79	
Pacific Portfolio	155.05	166.73	-0.55	1.43
UK Equity	97.96	104.73†	-0.39	3.04
UK Equity & Bd	58.99	62.50	-0.23	6.10
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	782.28	794.10	-7.24	4.21
Fxd In Sec	157.79	158.43	+0.59	9.03
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	773.59	785.29	-0.57	4.30
Investment Acc	£35.67	£36.20	-2.65	
Fixed Int Inc	127.31	127.83	+0.05	9.07
Fixed Int Acc	231.90	232.82		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Inc	89.74	94.51†		3.97
Beck Bio-Tech	44.00	47.76		
Acorn Ethical Tst	190.61	200.16		0.44
City Fin Assets	83.75	87.95†		2.24
City Fin Inc	91.73	96.32†		0.45
Frazs Hse Cap	325.83	346.63		2.43
Buckley Wrld Gth	143.09	151.67†		
J Sal Inc/Gth Inc	56.59	59.42		3.21
Smr Utilities	56.95	57.99	-0.11	6.28
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	54.33	57.64	-0.27	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	80.13	85.24	-0.01	
Dragon Growth	70.43	75.32	-0.11	0.44
Equity High Inc	89.87	96.32	-0.76	4.05
-do- Accum	130.09	139.42	-1.09	4.05
Extra Income Inc	26.57	27.98†	-0.05	7.40
Extra Income Acc	29.24	30.79	-0.05	7.40
European Gwth	63.15	67.00	+0.02	0.91
Evergreen	31.75	33.95	+0.13	0.03
General Equity	105.66	112.71	-0.80	2.84
Japan Growth	45.53	48.44	+0.41	
Pedigree Gwth	64.85	69.57	-0.46	2.30
Pud Sm Cos Inc	38.13	41.00	-0.01	1.39
-do- Accum	40.40	43.44	-0.01	1.39
Retirement Inc #	27.49	29.72	-0.28	5.68
Special Sits	46.78	50.30	-0.24	2.37
UK & Overseas	59.73	63.37	-0.02	0.69
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	70.09	73.01	-0.40	4.14
Capital	84.13	87.63	-0.57	2.61
High Income	52.33	54.51	-0.15	6.86
Top 50	56.90	59.27	-0.57	2.58
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	195.82	203.98†	-1.07	4.50
Long Gilt	43.20	44.97†	-0.29	6.15
Monthly Inc Plus	49.90	51.98	-0.35	8.62
Preference Share	47.02	48.98†	-0.05	7.96
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.18	148.10†	-0.73	5.76
Managed Fund	76.60	79.79†	-0.24	2.73
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.76	56.00	-0.02	1.70
-do- Accum	63.54	66.19	-0.03	1.70
UK & General	98.77	102.89†	-0.72	2.88
-do- Accum	129.90	135.31†	-0.96	2.88
UK Growth	200.59	208.95	-1.06	1.34
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	209.06	217.77	-0.64	0.68
Far Eastern Gth	132.35	137.86	-0.04	0.02
Global Bond	78.81	82.09†	+0.35	6.04
Japan Growth	105.34	109.73	+1.18	
North Amer Gth	237.93	246.91	-0.37	
Oriental Growth	82.74	86.19	-0.30	0.27
Worldwide Growth	72.40	75.42	-0.05	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.72	91.72†	+0.01	5.10
Homeowner Fund	92.03	97.90	-0.91	1.54
Quilter Fund	157.28	167.32	-1.36	1.98
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 9886				
Consistent UT	36.12	38.65		4.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	181.60	193.20†		1.93
Income	73.68	78.38	-0.38	4.62
European	74.76	79.53	-0.09	1.19
Recovery	193.50	205.90	-0.70	2.20
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1019.30	1034.30		3.26
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 680 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.50	119.80†		1.15
Income #	289.40	307.80†	-1.50	4.55
-do- Accum #	772.40	821.70	-4.00	4.55
Smaller Cos	238.30	253.50	+0.20	0.85
-do- Accum	298.00	314.80	+0.30	0.85
Gth Portfolio	104.00	110.60	-0.40	1.29
High Inc Port #	84.50	89.89	-0.46	4.23
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1681.90	1732.40		
Japan Small Cos	1118.20	1137.30		0.01
UK Small Cos	2220.80	2313.30		2.86
US Small Cos	2136.50	2209.50		0.84
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	235.80	248.30		3.00
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	175.30	186.40	-1.00	1.73
UK High Inc Inc	182.60	194.30	-1.20	3.87
-do- Accum	246.60	262.30	-1.60	3.87
UK Pref & F I Inc	59.84	63.49	-0.37	5.83
Emerging Opps	99.55	105.90	-0.30	0.94
UK Smr Cos #	70.36	74.85	+0.06	0.80
Extra Income Inc	49.67	52.84	-0.10	7.82
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	175.80	186.10	+0.10	0.43
Convertibles #	23.44	24.91	-0.05	5.62
Equity Income #	144.20	153.20†	-1.00	3.92
EuroFund	63.15	66.82	-0.07	0.60
Financial	55.87	59.36†	-0.23	1.52
Growth & Inc #	292.90	311.30	-2.00	2.81
High Dist #	182.90	194.30	-1.60	4.37
International	428.60	455.40	-0.70	0.11
Ird Cap Inc	102.50	108.90†	-0.10	2.48
Latin American	31.74	33.72	-0.34	
Pacific	79.39	84.35†	-0.38	
Pref High Inc	22.43	23.83†	-0.02	7.55
Tonic	209.40	221.60†	+1.90	
UK Smaller Cos	256.50	272.50	-0.80	1.10
Dominion Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	337.70	350.40	-0.10	1.03
Jap Smlr Co	403.90	428.40	-3.90	
Nth Amer	422.00	447.30	-5.10	0.65
UK Inc & Gth	252.50	271.40†	-1.70	2.73
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
[illegible]	117.72	125.90	-1.53	[illegible]
Growth Acc	259.79	277.24	-3.15	1.10
Income	620.75	663.90	+5.52	5.02
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7251				
Endurance Fd	229.00	242.60†		1.60
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	90.09	96.46	-0.40	2.01
Ethical Tst	46.60	49.05	-0.17	0.86
Far Eastern	294.42	309.92	-0.07	1.66
High Income	142.48	149.98	-0.76	4.77
UK Index Tracking	51.85	54.58	-0.33	3.13
Int'l Growth	140.51	147.90	-0.53	0.29
North American	146.42	154.13	-0.81	1.64
Pelican	142.92	150.44†	-0.37	3.08
Smaller Cos	73.15	77.90	+3.03	2.83
Special Sits	91.94	96.78	+3.03	2.58
Tst of Inv Tsts	217.22	229.65	-1.02	1.26
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	236.19	251.27†	-0.10	2.35
Smaller Cos Acc	426.59	453.82†	-0.18	2.35
Recovery	58.42	62.26	-0.07	1.70
Recovery Acc	60.47	64.30	-0.07	1.70
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	94.79	101.65†	-0.03	
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.53	56.33	-0.26	0.52
High Income #	38.96	41.74†	+0.07	11.02
Managed	46.93	51.01†	-0.34	
Zero Preference	45.65	48.43	+0.02	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	94.94	101.00†	-0.50	2.58
United Charities	315.30	335.40†	-0.80	2.14
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	28.29	29.34†	+0.16	5.31
Strategic Inc	27.10	28.33†	-0.10	5.73
Income Funds				
High Income	75.94	79.17	-0.11	5.47
Income Plus	132.60	141.00	-0.80	3.90
European Income	49.88	53.10	+0.04	2.56
UK Gro Gth	31.81	33.83	-0.17	2.21
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	58.88	62.81†	-0.22	
American	320.20	333.30	-1.60	
Amer Spec Sits	182.50	194.60	-1.20	
Asian Smaller Cos	31.19	33.20	+0.16	
European	228.90	243.40†	-1.20	0.56
European Opps	80.59	85.69	+0.07	0.02
Global Priv	30.37	32.30	-0.10	0.35
UK Growth	125.20	133.20	-0.40	1.46
Growth & Inc	180.00	191.40	-1.00	2.42
Intl PEP	48.25	51.32	-0.13	1.07
Japan Spec Sits	83.18	88.31	+0.94	
Japan	166.20	176.20	+2.20	
Managed Intl	351.70	373.30	+0.20	0.50
MoneyBuilder	66.64	70.86	-0.09	
Recovery	62.99	66.97	-0.05	1.81
South E Asia	182.10	194.30†	-0.50	0.99
Special Sits	735.60	782.20	-1.70	0.56
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	116.26	116.26	+0.02	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2780				
Balanced #	151.20	153.80†		1.55
Finsbury Pvt Inc #	97.06	98.36	-0.39	4.00
Cap Ptshp	164.20	166.90	-1.00	0.96
General Opps	144.50	146.50†		4.14
Growth Inc	38.03	39.62	-0.29	0.05
Private Portfolio	495.90	504.10		0.97
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 380				
Euro Smlr Cos	153.10	162.80	+0.90	0.23
Emrg Asian	132.30	143.40†		
High Income	21.38	22.72†	-0.18	9.90
UK Income	115.30	123.10	-0.70	4.06
US Smaller Cos	420.30	449.60†		
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	79.96	85.13	-0.19	
-do- Accum	79.96	85.13	-0.19	
Amer Smllr Cos	677.10	724.20	-11.80	..
-do- Accum	691.80	739.90	-12.00	...
Capital Tst	402.80	428.50†	-0.80	1.50
-do- Accum	591.80	629.60†	-1.30	1.50
Cont'l Smllr Cos	60.58	64.63	+0.47	1.09
-do- Accum	64.45	68.61	-0.43	1.09
Convertible	146.30	156.60	-0.30	5.60
-do- Accum	316.70	336.90	-0.50	5.60
Emerging Markets	62.94	67.14	-0.22	0.30
-do- Accum	63.06	67.37	-0.22	0.30
European	150.40	159.40	-0.10	0.50
-do- Accum	159.30	168.90	+0.10	0.50
Extra Income	395.50	420.70	-7.70	4.45
-do- Accum	629.70	669.90	-2.80	4.45
Financial	175.10	186.20†	-1.50	0.46
-do- Accum	186.10	199.00†	-1.60	0.46
Gilt Trust	62.54	65.51†	-0.22	6.79
-do- Accum	98.81	101.30†	-0.40	6.79
Health Fund Inc	249.00	268.00	-4.10	
-do- Accum	249.00	266.00	-4.10	
Income & Growth	235.60	250.60	-1.60	3.61
-do- Accum	373.30	397.10	-2.60	3.61
Intl Growth	426.30	454.30†	-0.90	
-do- Accum	473.40	504.50†	-1.00	
Japan & Gen	158.60	168.60	+2.00	
-do- Accum	160.40	170.50	+2.00	
Monthly Inc #	200.70	213.50†	-1.00	4.38
-do- Accum #	200.70	213.50†	-1.00	4.38
Managed Port Inc	122.60	129.00	-0.30	1.39
-do- Accum	133.00	140.00	-0.30	1.39
Quarterly Income #	58.19	62.49	-0.28	5.28
-do- Accum #	66.86	71.79	-0.33	5.28
Recovery	341.30	364.90		
-do- Accum	402.70	430.70		
UK Growth	68.22	72.57	-0.52	2.76
-do- Accum	73.97	78.69	-0.56	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715836 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	60.92	64.94	-0.33	0.50
FP Am Smllr Cos	204.10	217.70	-0.90	
FP Asian Growth	271.80	289.90	-1.00	
FP Australian	414.58	442.10	-2.20	
FP Equity Dist	467.30	498.40	-2.50	2.43
-do- Accum	910.31	910.99	-5.00	2.43
FP Euro Gth	286.70	305.80	-0.50	
-do- Accum	313.60	334.50	-0.70	
FP Intl Bond	58.99	62.42	+0.05	4.37
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.73	40.24	-0.10	0.18
-do- Accum	56.09	58.76	-0.13	0.18
FP Pac Basin Acc	211.90	226.00		
FP Income #	59.92	63.91	-0.32	5.09
-do- Accum #	209.30	223.20	-1.20	5.09
FP Jap Smllr Cos	279.40	298.00	+1.00	
FP Monthly Dist #	76.01	81.07†	-0.25	4.97
FP Stg Deposit	108.30	108.30†		5.05
FP Tokyo	76.92	82.04	+0.71	
FP UK Focus	42.82	45.67†	-0.32	2.04
FP UK Growth	292.70	318.20	-1.20	2.20
-do- Accum	408.50	435.70	-2.70	2.20
Stewardship Dist	438.00	467.10	-0.30	1.37
-do- Accum	549.00	585.60	-0.40	1.37
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	81.81	87.26	-0.21	4.66
-do- Accum #	111.90	119.30	-0.20	4.66
N Am Stshp Dist	124.30	132.50	-0.40	0.32
-do- Accum	133.50	142.30	-0.50	0.32
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	128.30	136.40	-0.30	1.61
Open Cap Gth Acc	130.70	139.00	-0.70	0.21
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	119.50	127.10	+0.10	3.28
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	126.70	134.70	+0.10	3.28
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	122.30	130.10	+0.10	3.94
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	130.60	138.90	+0.10	3.94
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	296.90	315.00	-1.30	5.86
Cash	49.72	50.46		2.36
Growth Portfolio	86.65	92.40	-0.06	0.65
Income Portfolio	69.77	74.03	-0.25	2.38
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 238 8447				
Special Sits	226.00	241.70	-2.00	0.31
Dividend	99.15	106.00	-0.60	4.61
Intl Gth & Inc	258.90	274.80	-0.80	3.06
UK & Gen	51.24	54.80	-0.34	1.51
Fund of Funds	74.80	80.00†	-0.25	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
American Smlr Cos	254.70	272.40	+0.30	0.12
European Gth	733.20	789.60	+0.50	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	54.40	57.62†	-0.01	5.24
-do- Accum	61.75	65.41	-0.01	5.24
Far East & Gen	261.80	280.00	-1.30	..
German Growth	142.50	151.90	+1.10	
High Yield #	50.30	53.16	-0.24	7.87
-do- Accum #	55.42	58.58	-0.26	7.87
Income Inc	199.30	213.20	-0.70	4.03
-do- Accum	227.80	243.70	-0.80	4.03
Intl Growth	382.90	408.00	-0.60	0.30
Intl Income	95.21	100.80	-0.20	2.94
Japan Growth	425.20	451.50	-0.40	
Korean Securities	47.16	50.44	-0.75	
Orient Acc	190.60	203.90		0.14
UK General Inc	200.90	214.90	-0.80	1.54
UK General Acc	358.90	383.90	-1.30	1.54
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	60.48	64.69	-0.04	1.80
UK Spec Sits	104.60	111.90†	-0.10	1.47
US Growth	190.20	202.20	-1.20	..
Wrlde Spec Sits	162.00	172.40	-0.10	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	62.16	66.36†	-0.63	1.73
Cash Trust	146.75	146.75	+0.02	5.19
Practical Inv Inc #	123.51	132.10†	-0.08	3.64
-do- Accum #	298.85	319.63†	-0.10	3.64
UK Index	181.59	182.50†	-1.44	3.18
UK Smaller Cos	205.70	220.00†	-0.34	0.12
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.58	25.47†	-0.05	7.38
High Income	34.76	37.06†	-0.20	4.88
UK Equity Income	160.33	171.74†	-0.94	3.19
Global Bond	29.16	30.22†	+0.09	4.86
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.52	48.68	-0.67	
Global Managed	148.89	158.20†	+0.19	1.28
Gold & Intl Res	108.18	115.70	+0.33	
Global Utilities	141.38	150.72	-0.45	1.41
Overseas Funds				
American	199.08	211.38	-0.39	0.71
European	135.74	143.82	-0.82	0.67
Euro Sel Opps	208.20	218.61†	-0.61	
Amer Emerging	178.29	190.81	-1.34	
Hong Kong	167.10	178.56	-0.56	1.46
Japan	222.57	236.32	+2.23	
Pacific Growth	219.26	234.50	-0.69	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	263.29	263.29†	-1.13	1.90
Long Term Bal	282.39	282.39†	-1.05	2.93
Mid Term Bal	232.92	232.92†	-0.87	2.90
UK Equity	315.29	315.29	-1.99	2.95
UK Emerging Cos	181.86	181.86	+0.14	1.94
American	325.62	325.62†	+0.09	0.75
Japan	124.45	124.45†	+1.12	
European	350.36	350.36†	-1.13	0.90
Index Linked Gilt	188.77	188.77†	-0.36	2.65
Fixed Interest	177.55	177.55†	-0.86	6.15
Amer Emerging	397.26	397.26†	-2.14	
Pacific	229.82	229.82	-0.86	0.63
Emerging Mkts	119.16	119.16†	-0.92	0.45
Index Strat Japan	137.27	137.27	+1.51	0.18
-do- Pacific Rim	203.15	203.19	-0.24	1.14
-do- Cont Europe	188.08	188.08	-0.31	1.75
Index Strat USA	188.96	188.96	-0.28	1.60
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	124.20	132.12	-0.57	
Med Term Bal	111.12	118.21	-0.44	
Long Term Bal	127.15	135.27	-0.58	
UK Equity	146.41	155.75	-0.99	
UK Emerging Cos	85.45	90.90	+0.07	
American	150.75	160.37	-0.04	
Japan	59.45	63.28	+0.57	
European	145.45	154.73	-0.50	
Fixed Interest	97.41	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Index Linked Gilt	87.99	93.34	[illegible]	
Deposit	97.97	[illegible]	+0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
SWW Intl	152.64	[illegible]	-2.61	0.51
Brettif Gth Port Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.63
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.15	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	60.55	63.30	-0.49	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.34
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.34
European Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.24
American Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
N America Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Far East Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]		
UK Dvld Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7868				
UK Equity Inc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.39
UK Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.63
British Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.58
American Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Gwth	59.68	61.85	[illegible]	
Greater China	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific Strategy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
European Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
US Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.75
FTSE 250 Ind	32.08	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.12
Monthly Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.51
Index & Bear Funds Dealing [illegible]				
Grd UK Index [illegible]	15.590	16.492	-0.2383	4.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 438 1212				
Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.50
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9568				
European	575.60	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.34
Gilt & Fixed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.58
Growth Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.12
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.52	
Nth American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.39
Guardhal	[illegible]	[illegible]	-4.40	[illegible]
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.25
Global High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.67
Corporate Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.59
Eqty & Bond Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.53
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl PEP Trust	62.54	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Equity Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.12
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.12
Recovery	[illegible]	438.62†	[illegible]	1.50
-do- Accum	495.40	527.40	-0.50	1.50
UK Inc High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Emerg Cos	377.20	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.32
UK Smr Cos	408.90	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.56
Gilt Pmy Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	119.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inc Share Tst	36.67	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.07
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.72
Balanced Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.72
Growth	34.25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth Acc	35.45	37.63	-0.17	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.18	4.23
Income Acc	34.79	36.80	-0.22	4.21
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	[illegible]	29.62	-0.13	3.12
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 290 290				
High Provider	101.20	[illegible]	-0.50	6.38
Model Ptsho	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.50	2.59
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 484949 Dealing: 0645 454646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	370.22	396.10	-1.54	0.95
Best of British	75.79	80.31	-0.59	1.91
UK Smaller Cos	158.48	170.36	-0.06	1.38
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	313.90	334.30	-1.96	3.30
-do- Accum #	884.96	942.44	-5.55	3.30
High Income	[illegible]	382.07†	-2.56	4.33
Extra Income #	280.94	309.49†	-1.55	6.24
Pref & Bond	49.25	52.60†	-0.04	8.30
International				
Ethical	125.41	134.11	-0.05	1.85
International	320.31	342.45†	-0.37	
Global Bond	55.86	58.91†	+0.22	5.38
Intl Port Tst	100.26	[illegible]	-0.02	0.60
Global Tech	258.13	256.38	-1.12	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	191.50	[illegible]	-2.15	0.09
European	617.22	[illegible]	-9.37	0.31

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Income #	94.00	99.87	+0.35	3.36
Euro Smlr Cos	195.50	208.44†	+1.82	0.96
European Value	94.01	100.12†	+0.18	0.12
-do- Accum	101.13	107.71	+0.20	0.12
Japan Trust	212.86	226.06	+1.95	
Japan Smlr Cos	214.64	228.07†	+1.51	
Pacific Smlr Cos	233.91	249.19†	+1.30	
North American	320.62	340.25	-0.92	
American Smaller	177.31	188.45†	-1.36	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	160.30	168.80	-0.20	5.01
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	124.92	130.80†	-1.00	1.74
Capital	206.15	215.86	-1.00	1.45
Dollar	503.85	527.59†	-0.34	..
Enterprise Gth	444.34	465.18†	-0.44	1.04
European	271.82	284.63	-0.51	0.66
Far East	306.96	321.42	+0.17	0.22
Financial	£10.44	£10.93†	-10.48	1.80
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.39	27.45†	-0.03	8.59
High Yield #	112.89	118.21	-0.63	5.02
Income & Growth #	163.96	171.68†	-1.40	3.69
International	292.04	305.80	+0.21	0.29
Japanese General	195.59	205.65	+2.53	
Japan Tech	83.40	87.33	+1.04	
Nat Resources	82.40	86.28	-0.05	0.43
Portfolio	87.20	91.39	-0.11	1.23
Special Sits	213.89	223.97	+0.23	0.82
UK Emerging Cos	133.21	139.48†	-0.16	0.73
US Smaller Cos	164.82	172.58	+0.11	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	553.80	607.80	-3.50	5.65
UK Growth	733.30	782.60†	-5.20	2.47
High Income #	116.00	123.80†	-0.70	5.82
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	617.20	653.50	+0.80	0.27
European Gwth	144.70	153.80	-0.50	0.11
Japan Gwth	267.00	277.80†	+2.80	
Japan Smlr Cos	31.39	33.50	+0.15	
Asian	61.63	65.77	-0.18	0.18
Sing & Mlaby Gwth	83.56	89.18	-0.38	
Hong Kong Gwth	149.30	159.20	+0.30	1.21
Global Bond	22.08	23.31	+0.14	5.40
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	171.30	172.20	-1.30	3.33
Trade Index	130.80	134.10	-0.10	2.18
THE FOOTSIE FUND	66.69	67.03	-0.65	2.84
Index Funds-International				
American Index	286.10	287.50	+0.37	0.97
Eurotrack 100	198.60	199.60	-0.40	1.42
Japan Index	73.45	73.82	+1.02	0.10
Tiger Index	187.00	191.90†	-0.30	
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.53	52.61	+0.18	1.10
General Funds				
Managed Dist	90.06	93.76	+0.29	1.40
Managed	92.52	96.33	+0.31	1.40
Report Chils Fnd	105.30	109.60	-1.10	2.07
UK Growth	73.22	76.23	-0.43	1.85
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	89.72	93.41	-0.45	5.40
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.99	27.89†	-0.04	8.02
UK Inc & Gwth	49.16	51.28†	-0.40	3.02
UK Income #	379.10	394.70†	-2.30	4.21
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	63.41	65.73†	-0.48	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	165.40	172.20	-2.40	..
-do- Accum	167.20	174.10	-2.40	..
Europe Gth	233.60	243.20	+0.50	..
-do- Accum	241.90	251.90	+0.40	
Euro Smaller Cos	45.54	47.41†	+0.18	
French Growth	97.32	101.10	+0.10	0.08
-do- Accum	105.20	109.20		0.08
H Kong & China	98.14	102.00	-0.10	0.84
Intl Growth	68.08	70.75†		0.12
-do- Accum	69.24	72.03†		0.12
Japan Gth	29.61	30.81	+0.29	.
-do- Accum	29.61	30.81	+0.29	..
Japan Smaller Cos	35.61	37.05†	+0.23	.
Glob Emg Mkts	92.02	95.80	-0.49	...
-do- Accum	92.67	96.48	-0.50	0.11
SE Asia	337.00	350.90	-1.00	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	53.02	54.64	+0.21	6.46
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
Sector Value Inc #	104.90	110.70†	-0.60	3.74
Sector Value Grth	106.80	112.70†	-0.60	2.12
Hy 5 Europe	100.10	104.90	-0.20	2.80
Slater Grth	175.00	184.70†	-0.60	8.82
New Japan	94.48	99.28	-0.08	0.01
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	205.20	219.30	...	...
Income #	216.28	230.08	-0.50	4.22
UK Growth	86.45	91.96	-0.33	1.88
Intl Growth	87.21	92.77	+0.18	0.45

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European	205.353	218.45	+0.06	0.57
Far Eastern	297.00	315.90	+0.80	
UK Special Sits	52.96	56.52†	-0.15	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.70	105.20†	-0.10	7.07
Gilt Yield	119.30	125.80†	-0.40	6.84
Global Income	234.10	249.00	-0.10	3.58
High Yield	153.00	162.80†	-1.30	5.70
-do- Accum	507.10	539.50†	-4.50	5.70
Smllr Cos Div	62.86	66.87	-0.03	3.30
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	154.10	163.90	-1.30	.
Asian Growth	319.40	339.80	-0.20	
-do- Accum	375.30	399.30	-0.20	
North American	117.10	118.20	-0.32	0.22
European Special	126.80	134.90	-0.50	1.23
European	179.60	191.10	-0.40	0.47
-do- Accum	237.70	252.90	-0.40	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	121.50	129.00	-0.40	1.91
Japan	378.40	402.80	+4.30	
Japanese Special	209.20	222.60	+1.30	
Smaller Cos	146.60	156.00		1.84
UK Equity Growth	52.41	55.76	-0.47	1.79
UK Index Inc	346.30	348.00	-2.30	3.21
Bachstm Tst	109.70	118.00†	-0.10	1.95
-do- Accum	111.30	119.70†	-0.10	1.95
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Budgo Income	306.67	326.24†	-2.21	4.97
Inc & Growth Inc	68.86	73.25	-0.50	3.78
Smaller Cos	91.33	97.16†	-0.19	1.22
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	467.60	494.50	-3.20	2.18
UK Inc/Gth #	481.10	510.40	-3.80	4.21
UK Income #	344.58	365.50	-2.30	4.97
UK Sm Cos	315.60	337.50		1.56
Euro Smlr	164.30	174.60	-1.50	0.46
N Amer Gwth	121.80	129.30	-1.20	.
Japan Growth	58.27	61.83	-0.16	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist (5)	592.30	592.30†	-4.60	2.71
-do- Accum (5)	£12.26	£12.35†	-3.00	2.71
Equity Income (5) #	105.90	106.00	-0.32	4.97
UK Tactical Allocation (5)	67.96	67.96†	-0.69	4.92
European (5)	144.30	144.30†	-0.20	0.97
Far Eastern (5)	222.90	222.90†		
Fixed Interest (5)	54.87	54.97	+0.14	7.38
Gilt (5)	91.16	91.16†	-0.30	6.59
Global Growth (5)	81.41	81.41	+0.12	0.18
Intl Bond (5)	52.81	52.81†	+0.38	5.04
Japanese (5)	66.40	66.40	+0.77	
North American (5)	227.00	227.00	-0.40	0.84
Pacific Growth (5)	119.00	119.00†	-0.50	0.29
UK Index (5)	77.91	77.91†	-0.60	3.21
UK Recovery (5)	119.10	119.10†	-0.50	2.50
UK Smaller Cos (5)	162.40	162.40	-0.10	1.21
US Index (5)	83.63	83.63	-0.32	1.33
European Index (5)	91.47	91.47†	-0.11	1.53
Japan Index (5)	37.58	37.58	+0.49	..
Worldwide (5)	99.55	99.55	-0.49	1.57
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 493				
Growth	57.35	61.33	-0.61	2.22
Income	66.44	71.05	-0.63	4.09
Far East	51.06	55.46	+0.30	0.08
North American	131.80	140.90	-0.50	
Global	102.30	110.00		0.43
European	96.00	102.60	-0.20	1.04
Japan	96.71	103.30	+1.00	..
Intl Currency Bd	59.02	62.02†	+0.32	4.45
SE Asia	105.31	113.60		0.50
UK Cap Growth	104.73	111.90†	-1.00	2.60
Recovery Trust	92.31	98.72†	-0.30	1.23
Managed	75.96	81.24	-0.22	1.24
Cash	51.36	51.36	+0.01	4.44
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	419.50	446.30	-2.40	2.10
-do- Accum	991.70	£10.55	-5.00	2.10
Contl Euro Gth	88.26	94.49	-0.24	0.51
-do- Accum	86.39	90.90	-0.25	0.51
Extra Inc	290.00	308.60	-1.40	3.86
-do- Accum	794.10	844.80	-3.90	3.86
FTSE 100 Inc	123.00	130.90	-1.00	2.59
FTSE 100 Acc	128.40	136.70	-1.10	2.59
German Gth	138.00	145.90	+0.40	
-do- Accum	145.40	153.10	+0.40	
Growth Port	676.00	719.20†	+6.70	0.06
-do- Accum	704.50	749.50	+7.00	0.06
High Interest Inc	99.70	103.40†	-0.30	7.49
High Interest Acc	105.70	109.60	-0.30	7.49
Hi Reserve Inc #	108.50	115.50	-0.50	6.16
Hi Reserve Acc #	117.60	125.20	-0.50	6.16
Income	554.40	589.80†	-10.00	3.15
-do- Accum	£14.86	£16.30	-27.00	3.15
Income Port	565.00	601.10†	-2.80	4.27
-do- Accum	639.50	680.40	-2.80	4.27
Japan Growth	97.70	104.00	+0.60	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	98.04	104.30	+0.80	...
Mister Trust	68.57	72.91	-0.22	1.33
-do- Accum	79.13	84.19	-0.27	1.33
Millennium Acc	97.38	103.60	-1.00	2.28
N American Gen	246.30	262.10	-0.70	..
-do- Accum	285.60	303.20	-0.90	..
NAm Sm Co Inc	199.80	212.40	-1.70	...
-do- Accum	203.70	216.80	-1.70	...
Pacific Basin	252.20	268.30	-1.20	0.11
-do- Accum	268.60	285.60	-1.30	0.11
Small Cos Inc	532.80	560.90†	+0.20	1.64
-do- Accum	736.00	774.80	+0.40	1.64
UK Eq Gth	167.80	178.60	-0.90	2.67
UK Eq Inc	138.10	138.50†	-0.70	3.84
UK Growth	107.40	114.30	-0.80	1.93
-do- Accum	134.80	143.50	-0.70	1.93
Worldwide Gth	353.80	376.40	-1.10	0.32
-do- Accum	522.80	556.20	-1.80	0.32
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	87.19	93.35	+0.36	0.70
General	110.55	118.81	+0.56	2.80
Income	73.94	79.33†	+0.41	5.28
International	73.05	78.36	+0.11	0.50
Japan	53.44	57.34	+0.28	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	76.88	82.27†	+0.37	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	523.60	552.70	-1.10	0.35
-do- Accum	655.30	691.90	-1.30	0.35
Amer Recovery	582.40	615.90†	...	0.21
-do- Accum	673.60	712.30†		0.21
Amer Smllr Cos	171.50	181.40	-1.50	..
-do- Accum	175.30	185.30	-1.60	..
Australasian	210.20	222.30	+0.80	2.12
-do- Accum	264.00	279.30	+0.80	2.12
Capital	1003.30	1061.00	-7.50	2.76
-do- Accum	1197.90	1266.80	-9.00	2.76
Charifund	768.50	776.20	-5.90	5.88
-do- Accum	3933.40	3972.80	-30.40	5.88
Commodity	472.90	500.10	-0.19	0.17
-do- Accum	699.20	739.50	-0.20	0.17
Compound Gth	1121.40	1185.90†	-8.50	2.70
-do- Accum	1238.80	1310.00†	-9.50	2.70
Corporate Bond	25.59	25.69†	-0.15	7.40
Dividend	44.70	47.30	-0.50	4.78
-do- Accum	197.90	209.60	-1.90	4.78
Equity Income	327.30	346.00	-1.78	5.58
-do- Accum	453.70	479.80	-2.30	5.58
Euro & General	630.10	666.30	-0.80	0.75
-do- Accum	809.20	855.70	-1.00	0.75
Euro Dividend	80.50	85.60	+0.10	3.58
-do- Accum	102.80	108.90		3.58
Extra Yield	461.30	487.80†	-4.10	5.08
-do- Accum	1560.20	1650.10†	-13.80	5.08
Fund of Inv Tsts	727.00	768.80	-4.00	2.03
-do- Accum	1395.40	1475.50	-7.80	2.03
General	70.30	74.38	-0.70	3.72
-do- Accum	207.10	219.00	-2.00	3.72
Gilt Income	82.17	62.25	-0.32	7.00
-do- Accum	188.40	188.67	-0.97	7.00
Gold	77.40	81.99	-0.90	.
-do- Accum	92.60	98.00	-1.00	
High Income	33.60	35.50	-0.20	4.67
-do- Accum	143.50	151.70	-1.10	4.61
Intl Growth	89.70	94.90	.	0.69
-do- Accum	158.80	167.90	-0.10	0.69
International Inc	108.20	114.40†	...	4.62
-do- Accum	173.70	183.60†		4.62
Japan & Gen	37.90	40.00	+0.80	..
-do- Accum	40.60	42.90	+0.80	..
Japan Smlr Cos	137.50	145.40†	+1.20	
-do- Accum	138.50	146.40†	+1.20	
Managed Gwth	27.30	28.80		1.65
Managed Income	29.70	31.20†	-0.30	3.84
Midland	61.90	65.50†		3.28
-do- Accum	218.10	230.80†		3.28
Pension Ex	1099.80	1121.20	-10.10	4.20
Recovery	48.00	50.80	-0.30	2.95
-do- Accum	82.40	87.40	-0.50	2.95
Second General	77.00	81.40	-0.20	3.85
-do- Accum	208.70	220.80	-0.60	3.85
Smaller Cos	70.50	74.60	.	3.35
-do- Accum	146.00	154.50		3.35
Sth East Asia	383.00	405.00	-0.90	1.25
-do- Accum	512.80	542.40	-1.30	1.25
Treasury	25.11	25.15†	+0.01	5.55
Trustee	43.60	46.10†	-0.20	5.33
-do- Accum	190.30	201.50†	-1.00	5.33
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	98.34	104.54†	-0.03	1.02
Intl Bond	65.43	68.73	...	5.24
Intl Equity Growth	85.29	90.62	+0.07	0.71
N Amer Growth	136.25	144.80†	-0.52	0.75
Special Sits Growth	28.27	30.07†	-0.08	1.87
UK Growth	467.75	497.60†	-2.33	2.48
-do- Accum	645.95	687.16	-3.21	2.48
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1490.30	1512.30	.	2.90
Income #	1043.60	1059.30		4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	166.30	170.10†	..	3.56
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptflo	179.80	185.30	-1.10	2.51
-do- Accum	213.40	220.00	-1.20	2.51
UK Sel Ptflo	180.50	185.40	-1.10	2.48
-do- Accum	193.40	199.40	-1.20	2.48
UK 100 Cos	117.70	117.70†	-1.00	2.84
-do- Accum	119.90	119.90†	-1.00	2.84
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 384 842				
Managed Ptr	74.30	79.04†	.	3.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4645				
Intl Income	83.86	88.82†	-0.39	3.52
European	105.70	112.28	-0.10	0.62
Income #	85.88	91.17	-0.59	4.21
Nth American	98.70	104.80	-1.10	0.23
Far East	172.40	183.80	-0.10	0.09
Japan	58.66	62.27	+0.12	..
Emgng Mkts	81.77	87.45	-0.52	
Intl Growth	127.30	135.10†	-0.60	0.77
UK Growth	128.60	136.50	-0.60	2.41
UK Smlr Co	63.01	66.89	+0.01	1.32
Asia Pacific	35.72	38.20	-0.21	0.33
Glob Gwth PEP	61.59	65.37†	-0.16	1.32
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	101.10	107.60	-0.40	..
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	464.53	494.18†	-4.29	4.58
Global Inc	74.98	79.76†	-0.29	4.38
Brit Leaders	395.90	421.17†	-4.73	3.61
Intl Leaders	232.47	242.31†	-0.13	1.46
PAM Mg Bal Gth	72.74	75.57†	-0.24	0.45
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	273.50	288.70	-2.50	
-do- Accum	292.40	308.90	-2.60	
American Opps	131.50	140.30†	-2.90	
-do- Accum	133.10	142.00†	-3.00	
British Blue Chip	98.07	104.10†	-0.50	2.31
-do- Accum	127.20	135.10†	-0.60	2.31
Cash	100.20	100.20†		5.45
-do- Accum	148.70	148.70†		5.45
Emerging Mkts	123.30	132.00	-0.80	0.11
-do- Accum	124.90	134.30	-0.70	0.11
European Growth	328.40	347.90	-0.80	0.13
-do- Accum	358.10	379.30	-1.00	0.13
European Income	92.90	98.12	-0.01	2.93
-do- Accum	133.60	147.16		2.93
General	630.30	670.80†	-3.80	1.85
-do- Accum	1289.00	1372.00†	-7.00	1.85
Global Bond	132.30	139.99†	-0.10	5.52
-do- Accum	175.60	184.50†		5.52
Gold & General	218.49	233.00	-1.90	0.39
-do- Accum	226.00	241.20	-1.90	0.39
Govt Securities	95.47	98.43	-0.36	6.07
-do- Accum	200.10	206.40	-0.70	6.07
High Yield Bd	102.20	104.80†	-0.30	7.00
-do- Accum	108.60	111.30†	-0.30	7.00
Income	191.70	203.40	-1.10	4.14
-do- Accum	318.00	337.50	-1.80	4.14
Inc Portfolio #	114.00	120.70†	-0.40	4.75
-do- Accum #	124.40	131.60†	-0.50	4.75
Intl Opps	566.10	603.80	-4.00	0.15
-do- Accum	763.30	814.80	-5.50	0.15
Japan	162.70	173.18	+1.400	.
-do- Accum	167.00	177.70	+1.500	
New Europe	241.90	258.00	-3.50	0.78
-do- Accum	251.70	268.50	-3.60	0.78
Pacific	111.40	118.70	-2.60	0.86
-do- Accum	120.00	127.90	-0.70	0.86
Recovery	461.30	492.10†	-2.90	0.53
-do- Accum	609.00	649.60†	-3.90	0.53
UK Smaller Cos	66.11	70.52	-0.07	0.73
-do- Accum	76.33	81.42	-0.08	0.73
Portfolio	94.95	100.70†	-0.30	2.29
-do- Accum	116.90	124.10†	-0.30	2.29
Managed Gth	122.80	128.50	-0.50	1.00
Managed Inc	122.10	125.60	-0.50	2.96
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 862 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	156.30	166.38	-0.29	0.14
Pesticide	81.88	87.21	-0.37	1.38
UK Income Inc	91.80	97.68†	-0.46	4.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	69.40	72.67†	-0.28	2.78
-do- Accum	77.00	80.63†	-0.31	2.70
British Tst	107.80	112.99	-0.90	2.74
-do- Accum	129.00	135.10	-1.10	2.74
Corp Bond Inc	101.40	105.10	+0.10	6.86
-do- Accum	100.80	107.50	+0.10	6.86
Extra High Inc	70.36	73.68†	-0.30	7.31
-do- Accum	151.50	158.60†	-0.70	7.31
FTSE 100 Acc	70.56	73.86	-0.72	2.75
FTSE 100 Dist	66.56	69.70	-0.68	2.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.33	58.51	-0.19	6.10
-do- Accum	179.10	186.40	-0.60	6.10
High Yield	242.00	253.40	-1.40	6.56
-do- Accum	656.40	687.30	-3.80	6.56
Income	325.30	340.60	-2.00	4.22
-do- Accum	763.90	799.90	-6.40	4.22
Money Market UT	49.70	49.70	+0.01	4.85
-do- Accum	83.25	83.25	+0.02	4.85
Monthly Income	93.54	97.95†	-1.51	4.47
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	135.40	144.00	-1.38	1.26
European Growth	132.60	140.60	-0.40	0.01

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	100.40	106.40	-0.49	6.21
Income	104.90	111.60	-0.90	2.29
Japan Growth	47.52	50.37	-0.55	..
Managed	83.88	89.34	-0.34	1.97
Money Market	95.60	101.30		3.97
North American	111.00	117.70	-1.00	0.39
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	122.70	130.50	-1.10	1.35
European Growth	124.50	132.00	-0.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.64	100.40	-0.50	5.34
Income	102.09	108.40	-0.50	2.35
Japan Growth	47.32	50.16	-0.53	...
Managed	80.80	86.06	-0.33	1.98
Money Market	88.14	93.42	+0.02	3.93
North American	100.30	106.30	-0.90	0.46
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	121.70	129.50	-1.10	1.36
European Growth	121.90	129.20	-0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.00	90.23	-0.30	5.47
Income	100.10	106.50	-0.80	2.40
Japan Growth	48.36	51.27	-0.55	...
Managed	83.36	88.66	-0.34	1.96
Money Market	80.25	85.06	+0.02	4.09
North American	112.30	119.00	-1.00	0.26
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.34	16.28	..	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	470.00	499.20†	-4.10	...
European Gth Inc	571.50	613.60	-3.40	...
-do- Accum	577.70	620.60	-2.40	...
Intl Gwth	226.60	240.70		
UK Equity Inc	228.59	241.30†	-1.70	3.79
Do. Accum	309.00	329.20†	-2.40	3.78
UK Ind Tckr Inc	198.50	208.70	-1.80	3.07
-do- Accum	243.10	259.40	-2.00	3.07
US Eq Ind Tkr Inc	277.50	283.70		0.85
Japan Tracker	68.69	72.44	+0.88	...
Asian Tracker	217.60	224.60†	-0.70	0.14
Mngd Ptflo Inc	190.10	202.50	-0.80	1.95
Mngd Ptflo Acc	207.40	221.40	-0.90	1.86
Deposit Inc	100.16	100.16	+0.01	5.26
Europe	263.40	283.90	+0.20	...
Genesis	219.70	236.90	-0.20	2.38
High Income	20.69	21.94†	-0.06	10.60
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	109.70	112.10†	-0.30	1.89
Acumen Inc	99.47	101.80†	-0.30	1.89
Acumen Reserve	98.29	97.26†	-0.27	7.50
-do- Inc	74.29	75.03†	-0.22	7.50
Americas Growth	71.15	75.01	-0.07	...
Equity Income #	105.80	108.20†	-0.59	4.42
European	82.23	83.66†	+0.69	0.89
Smaller Cos	94.55	98.98	-0.16	1.14
W'wide Eqty	77.30	78.93	-0.08	..
Global Bond	44.43	44.91	+0.14	5.33
UK Growth	117.40	120.30	-0.30	1.48
Pacific Growth	118.50	119.90	-1.10	0.78
Japan Growth	91.01	92.54	+0.57	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	151.57	161.24	-0.92	2.64
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8282				
UK Growth	92.43	98.33	-0.68	2.17
UK Income	128.84	139.85	-0.86	4.19
Higher Income	247.61	263.40	-1.48	4.30
Smaller Cos	106.10	112.88†	-0.85	1.41
International	111.01	118.08†	-0.32	1.40
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	130.80	139.10	-1.80	0.10
European Dist	146.60	156.20	-0.70	0.30
Far East Dist	188.60	200.50	-1.10	...
Global Care Dist	87.04	92.60	-0.05	0.38
Oseas Dist	1152.80	1226.40†	-0.70	...
-do- Accum	1499.30	1593.90	-1.10	...
UK Dist	439.60	467.90	-3.80	2.18
-do- Accum	893.60	950.60	-7.30	2.18
UK Extra Inc Dist	97.47	103.69	-0.47	2.90
Wwide Dist	120.10	127.80†	-0.10	...
Wwide Inc Dist	89.22	94.89†	-0.07	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	78.83	83.20	-0.21	0.72
Fund of Funds Inc	70.30	74.19	-0.14	1.76
North America Inc	68.58	72.38	-0.09	0.35
UK Equity Gth Inc	72.00	75.99	-0.01	2.86
-do- Accum	77.50	81.79	-0.02	2.86
UK General Inc	68.33	72.12†	-0.36	2.83
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.85	51.24†	-0.10	6.58
UK Income Inc	66.88	70.59	-0.37	4.22
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	53.41	56.81†	-0.27	...
-do- Accum	53.82	57.25†	-0.27	...
Bond	129.45	137.53	+0.25	5.46
Cash Income	50.96	50.96	+0.01	5.14
-do- Accum	69.28	69.28	+0.01	5.14
Distributor	105.00	111.70†	-0.88	2.82
European	55.52	59.06	+0.08	...
Foundation	112.19	119.35†	-0.98	2.59
General Inc	214.02	227.88	-0.83	1.54
General Acc	218.18	229.95	-0.84	1.54
Global	367.05	390.48†	-3.51	...
Growth Inc	146.12	155.44†	-1.12	2.31
Growth Acc	149.92	159.48†	-1.15	2.31
Higher Income Inc	31.79	33.81†	-0.29	4.71
-do- Accum	38.73	41.28†	-0.35	4.71
Income	262.80	279.45†	-1.88	3.52
Intrepid	145.06	151.10	..	1.72
Japan	25.72	27.36	-0.10	...
Oriental Inc	148.72	158.08	+0.16	0.32
-do- Accum	151.97	161.67	+0.17	0.32
Pers Int Gwth	35.22	37.46	-0.35	...
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	48.56	51.39†	-0.11	6.24
Managed	116.80	123.80	...	2.63
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	143.17	150.71†	-0.24	0.85
UK Equity	173.43	182.58	-1.61	2.59
UK Equity Income	158.19	164.41	-1.51	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	141.82	149.28	+0.16	1.45
UK Equity Growth	158.49	166.82†	-1.15	1.10
UK Index Trckg	171.18	189.66	-1.16	2.73
Intl Index Trckg	169.73	179.13	+0.43	0.91
International	275.59	290.09†	+0.06	0.75
European	252.26	265.56	+0.06	0.29
Pan European	169.97	178.92	-0.37	1.31
Nth American	243.39	256.14	-0.51	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	245.43	258.35	-0.49	...
Japanese	87.19	91.77	+0.80	...
Pacific	233.76	246.17	+0.66	0.57
South East Asian	272.11	286.43†	-0.16	0.79
Intl Bond	135.46	142.59	+0.72	4.28
Gilt & Convertible	110.70	116.53	-0.41	5.57
Property	84.33	88.77	-0.01	5.73
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	348.60	374.20	-1.30	0.03
-do- Accum	370.40	397.40	-1.40	0.03
Japan Inc	108.20	114.40†	+0.80	...
Nth American Inc	144.20	153.30	+0.30	0.69
Worldwide Inc	175.50	188.50†	-1.00	0.68
Hong Kong Inc	178.70	190.80	-0.70	1.08
Swiss Equities Inc	86.96	92.88	+0.45	...
Wwide Bond Inc	66.84	70.65†	+0.09	5.15
Emging Asia Inc	184.60	200.60	-0.60	0.01
-do- Accum	185.30	201.30	-0.60	0.01
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.51	50.51		5.44
Thailand Inc	120.90	131.10	-0.70	2.84
New Zealand Inc	104.10	112.00†	-0.60	2.65
Int Mngd PEP Inc	71.27	76.41	-0.32	0.97
Latin Am Corp Inc	63.29	67.04	-0.26	0.72
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	72.09	73.28	-0.56	2.81
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	85.58	91.53†	-0.80	...
Global Portfolio	75.97	81.25	-0.76	...
Global Opps	65.19	69.72	-0.80	...
Marsh Global Grth	66.45	70.47	-1.33	...
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	119.00	119.00	-0.60	...
Temple Equity Inc	49.59	53.90	+0.08	4.10
Hartley Growth	112.90	120.10	+0.20	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	85.36	91.29†	-0.56	0.34
IPS Portfolio Inc	91.87	98.26	+0.78	...
Premier Prtfos Inc	70.67	75.58	-0.11	1.43
Roxburgh Strat Gth	80.12	85.69	+0.41	0.49
International Strat	83.16	88.49	-0.73	...
UFC Growth	63.08	67.46	-0.22	...
Clarefield Port of Fds	54.52	59.02	-0.44	...
Lowes Intl Growth	49.95	52.50	-1.01	0.49
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3663				
Equity Gth	245.40	261.10	-0.30	1.15
European Gth	129.20	138.98	+0.20	0.49
Income & Gth #	163.40	173.80	-0.20	3.07
Japan Gth	103.30	109.87	+0.10	.
Nth Amer Gth	215.80	228.49	-1.80	..
Overseas Gth	121.00	128.70	...	..
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	285.90	303.30	-1.30	2.29
-do- Accum	624.10	663.90	-2.80	2.29
Growth	185.60	195.40	-0.70	2.61
Income	270.70	288.00†	-1.20	3.56
Intl Equity	281.70	299.60†	-0.40	0.60
-do- Accum	315.40	335.50	-0.50	0.60
UK Income	75.56	80.38	-0.36	3.10
UK Intl 25	95.32	101.40	-0.30	1.94
New Europe	102.80	109.30	..	0.17
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	678.37	725.30†	-4.50	0.48
-do- Accum	682.72	729.94	-4.53	0.48
Income	442.21	472.80†	-3.99	3.16
Wwide Recovery	449.83	481.11	-2.71	0.44
Amer Growth Inc	311.81	332.13	-3.42	0.01
-do- Accum	311.81	332.13	-3.42	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	288.15	308.19	+0.21	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	303.61	324.72	-1.89	0.89
-do- Accum	304.71	325.88	-1.90	0.89
Euro Gwth Inc	178.76	190.51	-1.55	0.47
-do- Accum	179.38	191.17	-1.56	0.47
UK Growth Inc	117.64	125.82	-0.86	2.63
-do- Accum	126.34	135.13	-0.92	2.63
High Income	116.67	124.79	-0.92	3.61
Jap Gwth Inc	187.77	200.83	+1.18	0.69
-do- Accum	187.77	200.83	+1.18	0.69
PEP Bond	52.80	56.22	-0.16	7.63
PEP Growth	143.69	153.62	-1.15	0.80
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	133.01	142.26	-0.92	0.20
-do- Accum	133.32	142.59	-0.93	0.20
Amer Smlr Co Inc	199.09	212.94	-2.47	0.01
-do- Accum	199.09	212.94	-2.47	0.01
Global Bond	58.20	59.21†	-0.10	5.79
UK Smaller Cos Inc	110.63	118.33	-0.01	1.41
-do- Accum	117.85	126.05	-0.02	1.41
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0161 281 3027				
American	140.12	149.06	-1.41	...
European	93.78	99.77	-0.51	..
Global	69.77	74.22	-0.80	...
Pacific	58.80	62.55†	-0.79	..
UK Inc & Gth	82.54	87.81†	+0.30	1.64
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc		50.80	...	0.01
Emerg Mkts	48.34	51.15	-0.81	1.82
Fund of Funds Inc	195.12	207.59	-0.94	0.67
Fund of Funds Acc	197.56	209.86	-0.95	0.67
High Income #	55.54	58.77†	+0.30	5.59
Performance	47.71	50.76	-0.27	...
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	180.64	192.18	-0.56	1.87
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
Asset/Corp Income	123.30	131.10	+0.20	3.28
Conv & Gilt	123.00	130.80	-0.40	4.83
European Income	89.11	94.80†	+0.30	3.15
Extra Income	187.20	199.10†	-1.10	4.60
-do- Accum	245.20	261.00	-1.30	4.60
Far East	398.30	423.80†	+8.20	...
-do- Accum	408.70	432.70	+0.20	...
Global Income	29.64	31.53	-0.06	3.09
High Income	142.30	151.40†	-0.80	4.45
-do- Accum	182.40	194.10	-1.10	4.45
International	210.40	223.80†	+0.10	0.42
-do- Accum	219.30	233.30	+0.20	0.42
Pref & Fxd Int	44.81	47.67†	-0.09	7.47
Recovery	90.65	96.42	-0.23	2.14

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	155.60	165.60	—	1.26
-do- Accum	172.40	183.50	...	1.26
Technology	695.60	740.00	-2.10	..
UK Blue Chip	91.11	96.92	-0.73	2.84
-do- Accum	106.70	113.50	-0.90	2.84
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4499				
Managed Tst	46.41	48.69	-0.11	1.66
Cash Haven Inc	101.86	102.16	+0.01	4.97
Cash Haven Acc	119.10	119.76	+0.01	4.97
Dist Trust Inc	107.94	111.68†	-0.49	5.72
Dist Trust Acc	122.42	126.86	-0.55	5.72
Global Growth	106.99	113.78†	-0.41	1.27
Equity Inc	90.49	96.26	-0.86	4.71
Equity	897.65	954.95†	-7.35	2.43
European	272.09	281.96	+0.03	1.94
High Income	93.82	99.81†	-0.57	5.28
Intl Gth	222.36	236.50†	-0.39	1.05
Intl Sm Co	97.95	104.20†	+0.25	0.64
Japanese	204.64	212.86	+2.20	..
Nth Amer	239.77	247.72†	+0.28	1.29
Pacific Mkts	116.81	121.05†	+0.29	0.47
Premier Inc	48.40	50.38†	-0.20	6.80
Sml Cos	114.50	121.90†	+0.13	1.78
Spec Sits	129.53	137.40†	-1.00	2.65
UK Growth	151.43	161.30†	-1.26	2.30
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Mf Inc Inv Inc	84.32	88.68†	-0.20	3.78
Investment Trust	117.58	123.54†	-0.32	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	108.26	114.89	-0.09	1.21
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	344.90	365.80†	-2.00	3.38
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	675.57	717.78†	-3.40	0.22
America (Acc)	791.56	841.00	-4.05	0.22
Amer Smlr Cos	60.47	64.85	-0.22	..
Asia	53.20	56.68	-0.35	..
European	419.65	444.47	-0.73	0.40
Japan	218.71	232.55	+1.18	...
Jap Smlr Cos	37.83	40.36	+0.07	..
Major UK Cos	122.48	130.58	-0.83	1.76
Smlr UK Cos	411.04	447.75†	+0.31	1.88
UK Equity Inc #	192.51	205.76	-1.07	4.29
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	50.26	52.51	-0.03	..
Cash	48.45	50.46	+0.01	2.86
Emerging Mkts	47.33	49.22	-0.72	...
Europe	62.39	65.15	-0.18	..
Global Fixed Int #	51.81	54.10	-0.30	5.48
Japan	39.88	41.65	-0.29	..
North America	69.79	72.88	-0.73	..
UK	67.13	70.10	+0.28	0.52
UK Equity Inc #	63.58	66.41	+0.18	4.11
UK Fixed Int #	52.19	54.50	+0.07	7.23
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	51.59	53.87	-0.03	...
Pep Inc Port #	51.46	53.34	+0.07	4.25
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	90.63	95.39	..	...
Gilt	102.09	107.43	-0.55	...
Managed	120.10	126.41	-0.57	...
Portfolio	51.14	53.83		
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	122.00	129.70†	-1.80	...
Pacific Basin	79.47	85.27†	-0.81	0.27
High Inc Dist	161.60	172.70†	+0.30	3.82
Ryl Life Int Cmly	64.86	68.49	+0.05	1.86
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	77.49	82.52	-0.64	...
Ryl Life Intl Spec	72.81	77.45	-0.44	...
UK Emerging Cos	143.80	153.20	+0.30	1.33
UK Index Trckg	205.30	218.10	+0.29	3.42
European	172.80	184.90	-0.30	0.25
Managed	182.50	190.20	-0.40	1.01
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	182.70	204.80	-2.80	[illegible]
European Growth	139.70	149.00	-0.18	1.98
Far East Growth	143.30	152.80	-1.40	[illegible]
Japan Growth	119.00	126.50†	-1.20	[illegible]
Special Sits	256.80	273.10†	+1.49	1.97
UK Growth	105.30	112.00	...	1.83
Triton General	283.70	301.50†	-1.70	1.81
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	172.80	183.00	+0.30	[illegible]
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	429.00	454.00	-1.90	0.58
-do- Accum	470.60	498.60	-2.50	0.58
Growth Inc	157.60	168.80	-0.30	0.61
-do- Accum	162.00	171.40	-0.39	0.61
International Inc	412.80	436.60	-0.90	0.50
-do- Accum	570.90	604.10	-1.20	0.50
Nth Am & Intl Inc	394.70	417.70	-1.60	...
UK Gen Prog Inc	261.80	277.80	...	1.12
-do- Accum	298.80	317.20	..	1.12
UK High Inc Inc	151.30	160.10	-1.80	4.45
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	122.22	130.02	-0.92	0.75
European Gwth	91.63	97.47	-0.25	1.09
Global Bd	61.73	65.29†	+0.05	5.09
Japan	51.07	54.32	+0.61	...
UK Gwth	93.03	98.96	+0.09	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	89.79	94.80	-0.59	3.16
Amer Smlr Cos	151.80	161.50	-0.90	...
Capital Portfolio	162.80	173.20	-0.70	0.49
Cash	135.50	135.50†	...	5.21
China Dragon	65.74	69.94	-0.44	1.29
Commodity	148.50	158.00	-0.40	..
Emerging Mkts	35.85	38.14	-0.37	0.32
Energy Inds	183.90	195.60	-0.80	...
European Gwth	242.40	257.90	+0.80	0.28
Euro Inc & Gwth #	97.05	103.20	+0.10	1.63
Euro Smlr Cos	74.23	78.97	+0.56	0.23
Exempt Income #	152.20	165.20	-0.80	3.49
Extra Income #	58.38	59.88	-0.21	5.84
Far Eastern	105.80	112.50	-0.20	..
FE Smr Cos	42.49	45.20	+0.03	..
Financial Secs	316.50	336.70	-1.10	0.76
Gold & Exploration	104.80	111.30	-0.40	...
Growth	452.90	455.20	-1.10	1.89
High Income	50.11	50.11	+0.01	7.17
High Yield #	267.10	284.10†	-1.80	2.54
Intl Bond	164.80	174.10†	...	5.87
ITU	230.40	254.70†	-1.70	0.95
Income #	137.60	146.30	-0.80	3.50
Japan Growth	164.80	175.20†	+0.70	...
Japan Smaller	179.30	190.70	-0.90	...
Korea	46.05	48.98†	-0.70	..
Latin America	39.30	41.81	-0.26	0.80
Mastertrust	86.50	86.91	-0.15	0.95
Premier Eq Gth	167.10	177.80	-0.80	0.99
Premier Eq Inc #	373.40	397.20	-2.10	3.88
Scotyields #	291.60	310.20	-1.80	2.24
Select Intl	157.60	167.70†	-0.30	0.66
Smaller Cos Inc #	265.30	282.20†	-0.20	3.18
SE Asia	49.73	52.90	-0.35	0.37
Southern Aldea	53.59	57.01	-1.05	1.43
UK & O'seas	202.30	215.20	-1.50	1.89
UK Eqty Gth	84.45	89.84	-0.38	1.36
UK Eqty Inc #	263.20	280.60	-1.50	4.23
UK Gth & Inc #	301.50	320.70	-2.00	3.31
UK Sm Cos	61.62	65.55	+0.05	1.26
US Growth	215.80	229.40	-1.20	0.07
Univ Growth	161.40	171.70	-0.49	0.71
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bric: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	337.00	358.59	-1.80	0.69
-do- Accum	371.60	393.28	-1.99	0.69
European Gwth	82.00	87.47	-0.29	0.66
Euro Smlr Cos	113.86	120.85	+0.14	0.28
Far Eastern Gth	104.48	111.42	-0.86	...
-do- Accum	106.49	113.57	-0.87	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.32	55.13†	-0.19	7.68
Global Bond #	50.35	52.02	+0.18	6.44
-do- Accum #	59.99	61.98	+0.22	6.44
Global Emer Mkts	53.49	57.04†	-0.30	.
-do- Accum	53.53	57.08†	-0.31	.
Income #	423.67	451.27	-2.88	4.85
-do- Accum #	£14.32	£15.28	-7.03	4.85
Japan Smlr Cos	396.40	422.82	-2.84	...
-do- Accum	397.18	423.67	-2.84	...
Japan Enterprise	60.13	64.13†	-0.05	...
Pacific Gwth	157.45	167.94	-1.19	0.79
-do- Accum	163.09	173.96	-1.22	0.79
Portfolio	96.27	102.62	-0.31	1.79
-do- Accum	107.08	114.13	-0.35	1.79
Seoul	40.20	42.88	-0.70	...
-do- Accum	40.20	42.88	-0.70	...
Smaller Cos	327.50	349.33	-0.16	0.84
Strategic Inc	102.82	108.54	-0.24	2.22
Strategic Acc	103.69	110.46	-0.24	2.22
Tokyo	117.51	125.34†	+1.80	...
-do- Accum	118.70	126.60†	+1.81	...
UK Enterprise	344.99	367.98	-2.51	2.14
-do- Accum	426.32	454.74	-3.10	2.14
UK Equity	312.60	333.44	-1.57	2.43
-do- Accum	631.85	673.98	-3.18	2.43
US Smlr Cos	227.09	242.22	-1.66	...
-do- Accum	227.09	242.22	-1.66	...
Institutional Funds				
European	292.36	303.13	-0.97	1.43
-do- Accum	330.16	342.33	-1.09	1.43
Euro Smlr Cos	37.66	39.16	+0.09	1.10
-do- Accum	40.50	42.13	+0.10	1.10
Global Equity Inc	90.81	94.38†	-0.14	0.70
Japan Smlr Cos	34.85	36.30	+0.15	0.11
-do- Accum	35.19	36.65	+0.14	0.11
Mngd Balanced	227.86	237.37	-0.52	3.19
-do- Accum	267.79	278.95	-0.60	3.19
Overseas Equity	217.35	226.40	-0.24	1.08
-do- Accum	227.99	237.48	-0.26	1.08
Oseas Smlr Cos	145.05	151.09	-0.11	0.99
-do- Accum	153.45	159.85	-0.11	0.99
Pacific	278.77	290.38†	-2.50	1.48
-do- Accum	311.03	323.96†	-2.79	1.48
Recovery	224.16	226.17	-9.54	2.87
-do- Accum	426.59	427.49	-10.49	2.87
UK Index	189.25	197.13	-1.23	3.37
-do- Accum	243.88	254.04	-1.58	3.37
UK Small Cos	146.34	152.43	+0.03	2.29
-do- Accum	162.45	169.22	+0.03	2.29
US Smlr Cos	64.96	67.68†	-0.63	0.69
-do- Accum	65.75	68.52†	-0.65	0.69
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	80.72	84.21	+0.07	3.07
Equity Trust	79.42	83.89	+0.19	2.67
Equity Strategy	93.37	98.74	+0.20	1.16
European Opps	105.50	113.14	+0.66	0.34
UK Smaller Cos	80.53	85.16	+0.19	0.87
Maximum Inc	96.12	101.70	+0.01	6.12
Japanese	73.83	78.06	+0.89	..
Asia Pacific	122.52	129.85	+0.31	0.46
American	133.86	141.36	-0.42	0.18
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	38.38	38.38	...	5.30
UK General Inc	63.49	67.72†	-0.53	3.19
-do- Accum	86.15	91.89†	-0.73	3.19
Intl Income	288.60	304.44†	-1.18	1.78
-do- Accum	505.92	538.36†	-2.10	1.78
European	101.89	107.83	+0.10	1.78
Japan	62.87	66.59	+0.88	0.02
American	96.77	102.37	-0.16	1.34
Far East	86.35	92.12	-0.39	1.35
Ethical Inc	41.45	44.33	-0.09	1.77
UK Blue Chip Inc	40.56	43.47†	-0.39	3.10
High Inc Inc	42.80	45.48	-0.37	3.72
UK Global Inc	48.08	51.27†	-0.33	2.05
Wwide Tact	80.84	86.12	-0.59	1.84
Europe 2000 Tact	69.86	74.24	+0.01	1.36
Technology	154.18	164.05	-1.26	0.81
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	489.70	520.70	-4.10	3.09
American	351.80	372.30	-0.90	0.38
Pacific	398.40	424.40	+1.50	0.22
European	691.50	728.90	-0.20	0.86
Worldwide	95.57	100.60	-0.20	0.46
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6700				
UK Equity Inc	336.60	360.50	-2.70	1.97
-do- Accum	442.00	472.30	-3.60	1.97
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	283.80	302.10	+0.30	1.01
-do- Accum	349.30	371.70	+0.30	1.01
Select Opptnty Inc	86.33	92.34†	-0.71	1.43
Income Plus Inc	82.86	88.15†	-0.65	3.11
European Inc	432.40	458.90†	-0.40	0.93
-do- Accum	498.30	536.16†	-0.60	0.93
Far Eastern Inc	177.06	188.40†	-1.00	0.72
-do- Accum	205.20	218.40†	-1.30	0.78
Japanese Inc	57.01	60.65†	+0.64	...
Nth American Inc	326.80	345.70†	-0.80	0.24
-do- Accum	360.50	383.80†	-0.80	0.24

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Intl Growth Inc	226.90	241.40	...	0.33
Wwide Venture Inc	92.17	98.05†	-0.09	0.30
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	459.20	489.80	+0.80	2.36
-do- Accum	705.00	751.90	+1.20	2.36
UK High Inc	218.10	233.70	+0.60	2.86
-do- Accum	339.40	362.00	+0.90	2.86
Europe Inc	474.80	506.10	+2.30	0.58
Nth Amer Inc	321.10	342.50	-3.30	
Global Inc	254.90	271.80	-0.10	0.14
Global Acc	275.70	294.10	-0.10	0.14
UK Spec Sits Inc	133.30	142.20	+0.30	1.82
South East Asia	228.80	244.00	-1.40	0.09
Cash Trust Inc	101.70	101.70	...	5.05
UK Smllr Cos Inc	127.00	135.30	+0.40	1.81
-do- Accum	133.50	142.40	+0.40	1.81
Intl Bond Inc	93.70	99.40	..	5.28
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	161.90	170.40	-0.20	0.75
Nth American	141.40	148.80	-0.80	0.05
Intl Bond & Curr	131.40	138.36	-0.10	6.40
Pooled Pension (E)	241.60	259.80†	..	2.01
Smaller Cos	119.40	125.70		0.08
UK General #	170.50	179.50	-0.70	2.66
Far Eastern	92.67	97.70†	-0.57	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 623 0226				
UK Equity Inc ‡	109.94	... †	-0.50	4.74
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.65	... †	+0.02	4.79
Preferred Income ‡	107.62	... †	-0.17	5.00
Tai Pan ‡	105.67	... †	-0.51	[illegible]
Aztec ‡	85.23	... †	-0.38	[illegible]
Amer Gth Fund ‡	120.18	... †	-0.92	[illegible]
European ‡	165.53	... †	-1.10	[illegible]
Global Bond ‡	88.31	... †	+0.17	7.70
Samurai ‡	54.86	... †	+0.44	[illegible]
UK Growth ‡	111.15	... †	-0.88	[illegible]
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	113.21	... †	-0.11	[illegible]
Investment Trust ‡	114.19	... †	-0.22	[illegible]
Rail Up ‡	95.15			
Glob Gwth PEP	77.83	82.66	-0.13	[illegible]
Inv Trust PEP	57.87	61.56	-0.16	[illegible]
Pref Inc PEP #	104.80	111.40†	...	8.00
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	443.40	468.10	-4.80	[illegible]
Capital	147.40	157.40	-0.50	[illegible]
Cash	108.50	108.50†	+0.04	[illegible]
European	164.90	174.40		[illegible]
Far Eastern	156.10	165.10†	-1.80	[illegible]
Growth	168.30	178.10	+0.40	[illegible]
Income #	138.10	147.10	+0.80	[illegible]
Magnum	156.60	167.20	-0.20	[illegible]
Spcl Sits	355.70	380.00†	-0.20	[illegible]
Thoroughbred	182.80	195.10†	-0.20	[illegible]
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Pinnacle	57.95	61.94	+0.12	[illegible]
Ethical	82.25	87.86†	-0.60	[illegible]
European Growth	81.71	86.64	-0.14	[illegible]
Income	63.18	67.57	-0.02	[illegible]
Intl Growth	111.58	118.60	+0.10	[illegible]
Managed	93.85	99.47	-0.09	[illegible]
UK Growth	80.56	86.74	-0.48	[illegible]
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.76	47.02	-0.18	[illegible]
Global Advtg Acc	50.99	51.25	-0.18	[illegible]
Income Advtg Inc	36.40	38.59†	...	[illegible]
Income Advtg Acc	42.85	42.87		[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Acc	103.70	110.00	+0.29	[illegible]
Provider Inc Inc	49.57	52.18†	-0.10	[illegible]
Provider Inc Acc	53.14	55.94	-0.18	[illegible]
Managed Acc	83.32	87.12	-0.19	[illegible]
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	41.88	44.19†	..	[illegible]
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	55.60	58.94	...	[illegible]
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	80.47	85.44	+0.29	[illegible]
UK Equity Gen Inc	57.58	61.18†	+0.18	[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.72	33.55†	-0.19	[illegible]
Guara Lrg Co Acc	367.60	388.68	-4.00	[illegible]
Nth American Acc	58.55	62.21	-0.30	[illegible]
Pacific Basin	43.90	46.65	-0.70	[illegible]
European Acc	60.89	64.70	-0.18	[illegible]
Japan Acc	25.60	26.86	-0.39	[illegible]
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7080				
Global-A (US$)	4.621	4.905	..	[illegible]
US Eqts (US$)	3.408	3.612†	...	[illegible]
Far East Eqts (yen)	264.70	281.10†	...	[illegible]
FE Europe	155.10	164.80†		[illegible]
FT N Amer (US$)	2.660	2.808†		[illegible]
FT Japan (yen)	233.59	248.89†	...	[illegible]
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.917	3.096†	...	[illegible]
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	536.60	569.90	-4.10	[illegible]
British #	1313.80	1389.80	-1.80	[illegible]
Emerging Mkts	158.30	168.70	-0.40	[illegible]
Euro Small Co	82.86	87.05†	+0.46	[illegible]
Japan	122.50	129.90	+1.70	[illegible]
New Pacific	428.00	456.90	-0.20	[illegible]
-do- Accum	461.60	491.80	-0.27	[illegible]
Inv Trust Acc	303.30	321.50	-2.10	[illegible]
Mngd Equity	210.40	222.80	-0.40	[illegible]
Mngd Cash	95.65	95.65†	+0.01	[illegible]
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 300				
Equity	1114.00	1191.00	-9.87	[illegible]
North America	202.70	216.80	-1.40	
Far East	160.30	171.49	+0.10	
Wwide Bond	98.67	102.28†	+0.21	[illegible]
European	138.30	147.98†	-0.10	[illegible]
Equity Income #	160.60	178.38	-0.90	[illegible]
Portfolio	111.30	119.00	-0.50	
UK Leading Cos	79.89	85.22	-0.80	
High Inc Bond	52.97	51.08	-0.04	
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	77.42	82.80	-0.17	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Autumn UT	23.50	25.01†	-0.09	
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	96.84	102.81†	-0.13	
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	100.85	107.29†	-0.14	
European	48.42	51.52	-0.19	
High Income	35.49	37.78†	-0.17	
Japan	32.45	34.53†	+0.59	
Managed Assets	146.11	156.27	-0.78	
North American	46.12	49.07†	-0.07	
Smlr Co's Inc	37.98	40.41	-0.05	
Smlr Co's Acc	41.37	44.02	-0.05	
UK Growth Inc	65.51	69.70	-0.49	
UK Growth Acc	73.79	78.51†	-0.55	
UK Income	46.25	49.49	-0.28	
Worldwide Gth	40.66	43.49	-0.12	
SLCAM				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	31.88	32.67†	-0.19	
European Exempt	96.16	99.16	-0.25	
Japan Exempt	27.24	28.09†	+0.41	
US Exempt	97.04	100.05†	-0.19	
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	58.08	61.70†	-0.16	
Cap Protector Inc	48.22	51.30†	-0.25	
UK Income Inc	62.21	66.18	-0.49	
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	35.87	37.73†	-0.12	
Mngd High Yld Inc	91.76	97.62	-0.58	
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	89.57	95.29	-0.54	
UK Smaller Cos	42.23	44.93†	-0.05	
Pacific Gth Port	50.52	53.74	-0.17	
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	306.11	326.04	-0.24	
-do- Accum	330.37	354.12	-0.28	
Brit Growth	122.17	128.28†	-1.06	
-do- Accum	152.81	161.70†	-1.32	
European	125.22	132.51	-0.21	
-do- Accum	133.75	141.53	-0.20	
Extra Income #	209.66	221.25	-1.08	
-do- Accum #	384.54	406.92	-2.08	
Smaller Cos	94.54	100.04	-0.11	
-do- Accum	108.38	114.68	-0.14	
General	363.47	384.62	-2.91	
-do- Accum	776.88	822.07	-5.61	
Premier Income	51.47	53.82†	-0.09	
-do- Accum	125.86	135.27†	-0.20	
Income	383.91	406.25	-3.07	
-do- Accum	888.29	939.99	-7.11	
Pacific	410.55	434.45	+0.90	
-do- Accum	431.38	456.50	+1.00	
International	632.23	669.08†	+0.41	
-do- Accum	833.05	881.54†	+0.55	
Nat Resources	187.65	198.57†	-0.13	
Stckd Opps	130.62	138.22†	-0.06	
-do- Accum	172.47	182.58†	-1.09	
Environmental Inv	80.99	85.70	-0.70	
Selector	75.43	79.82†	-0.44	
-do- Accum	86.13	93.26†	-0.52	
High Income	70.34	74.43	-0.51	
-do- Accum	95.50	101.05	-0.69	
Intl Income	63.28	66.97†	+0.09	
-do- Accum	64.56	68.48†	+0.11	
Selector Income	66.78	70.67†	-0.32	
-do- Accum	84.89	89.83†	-0.43	
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0161 667 1018				
British	415.00	437.80	-3.33	
European	75.40	78.56	-0.27	
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	234.34	250.67	-0.49	
Glob Balncd Inc	194.21	207.72†	-0.36	
Value Tst Inc	145.87	155.80	-0.31	
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	43.95	45.78	+0.04	
European Growth	344.78	361.02	-0.74	
Exempt	690.66	720.97†	-4.77	
Global Em Mkts	61.20	65.12	-0.10	
Japan Tst	72.55	75.86	+1.03	
Little Dragons	96.20	100.73	+0.04	
Nth Amer Grth	292.39	306.18	+0.30	
Oriental Income #	45.89	47.84†	+0.11	
Preference	129.84	135.95†	-0.11	
Tiger	293.55	307.38	-0.08	
UK Blue Chip	80.31	84.09	-0.08	
UK Growth	679.78	711.81†	-4.76	
UK High Yield #	115.57	121.01†	-0.06	
UK Mid-Cap	335.50	351.39	-0.38	
UK Smlr Cos	136.85	143.29	-0.22	
UK Smly Cos Div #	94.77	99.23	-0.38	
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 355				
UK Equity Income #	114.24	121.53	-0.63	
UK Equity Growth	103.15	109.73†	-0.46	
European	77.75	82.71†	-0.06	
Nth American	85.84	91.32	-0.10	
Far Eastern	77.28	82.21	+0.05	
Money	71.83	71.83	+0.01	
Fixed Interest #	80.36	85.49	-0.26	
Index Linked Gilt	73.39	78.07	-0.13	
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	104.57	104.57†	...	
UK Index Tracking (5)	131.81	131.81†	-0.86	
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	27.71	29.78	-0.06	
Pacific Basin	41.39	43.56	+0.02	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9161	0.9542	-0.0008	
Penny Share	44.46	46.82	-0.07	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 929 2444				
Challenger	93.07	98.02	-0.36	
Short Dtd Gilt	125.00	128.68	-0.07	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7630	0.7939		
Gilt Income	51.93	54.04	-0.16	
Gilt Growth	77.97	81.05	-0.19	
Sterling Bond	49.52	51.35	-0.16	
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgr	55.57	59.02	-0.11	
UK Stockmarket	104.50	111.50	-0.79	
Corporate Bd Inc	49.75	49.89	-0.09	
Do Accum	50.37	50.45	-0.04	

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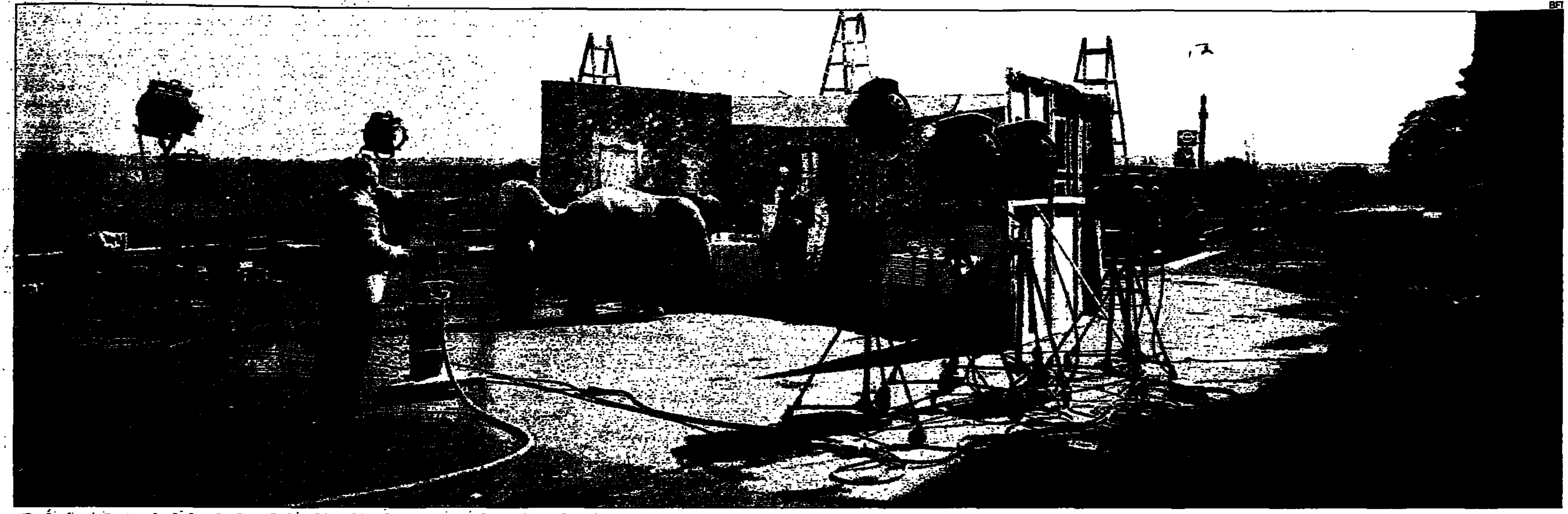

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Early days: Comet the baby elephant being filmed on the terrace at Alexandra Palace for the *Picture Page* programme in February 1939. *Picture Page* began on the opening day in 1936 and ran twice a week until the outbreak of war

It will never catch on

As BBC Television marks its 60th birthday, W. Stephen Gilbert recalls the race to transmit pictures before war called a halt

The world's first regular public "high definition" television service was inaugurated on November 2, 1936. In his book *Television Jubilee*, which celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary back in 1961, Gordon Ross nicely dubbed it "the official birthday of BBC Television", for there was plenty of "prenatal" activity.

The great prophet of the medium, John Logie Baird, had demonstrated a prototype transmitter 11 years earlier. In 1928 Baird reported his first trials in colour television, and in 1931 he conveyed the climax of the Derby by a form of outside broadcast camera to a London cinema.

But Baird's system was mechanical rather than electronic and rivals took to the field to explore other possibilities. While transmission with pictorial illustration was clearly of interest to the sole broadcaster of wireless to the nation, the BBC, if only in terms of a perceived threat, BBC contact with Baird was at an unofficial level. In his autobiography, *Sermons, Soap and Television* (published in 1988, long after his death), Baird reveals that the BBC's chief research engineer, a Mr Kirke, was exchanging transmissions down the telephone line with Baird's laboratory in Upper St Martin's Lane as early as 1926. But Kirke was found out and the trials were abruptly terminated.

Television was contemplated with no official enthusiasm at the BBC, and nobody was more reluctant than the Corporation's founder and first Director-General, John Reith. As his biographer Ian McIntyre confirms, Reith made little reference to television in his famous diaries either before or after its establishment. Later in life, Reith thought of television as "a social menace of the first magnitude".

Few took the sanguine view of Grace Wyndham Goldie, who in 1936 was the broadcasting critic of the BBC-owned magazine, *The Listener*. She was permitted to attend the demonstrations of transmission from the BBC's Alexandra Palace studios to the Radiolympia exhibition in August 1936, but not to write about them. "Television won't matter in your lifetime or mine," her editor, R.S. Lambert, solemnly declared.

Goldie differed and went on to enjoy a pivotal career in television. In her autobiography of 1977, *Facing the Nation*, she excoriates the BBC mandarins at Broadcasting House who were "culpably, unimaginatively and selfishly blind to the potentialities of television".

Most people did think of it, in a phrase of the time, as an expensive flash in the pan. Nevertheless, Ramsay MacDonald's National Government thought the medium of sufficient merit to set up in 1934 a committee "to examine how it might be administered". Under the far-sighted chairmanship of Lord Selsdon, the committee recommended that a national service should be created and that the BBC should administer it. By this decision, British television was at once protected against two forces which would limit and distort the medium elsewhere in the world: government interference and commercial interests.

Selsdon also decreed that two distinct televising systems should be operated alternately until one was seen to prevail. Hence two studios were set up at Alexandra Palace, one for Baird's film-scanning device and the other for the Emitron iconoscope developed by EMI and Marconi. The opening ceremony was transmitted twice by each rival in succession, the sole variation being that a representative of the bidder spoke for his particular system.

Before the month was out, most of the Baird Company's equipment was lost in the fire that destroyed the Crystal Palace. Even without this calamity, however, it was clear to all disinterested parties that the EMI-Marconi system would be taken up.

Programmes were broadcast from Alexandra Palace to the small band of viewers — "lookers", they were called — for 34 months until the service was closed down for the duration of the Second World War, a plug-pulling so unceremonious that a Mickey Mouse cartoon was not even allowed to conclude.

But in that short period, formats were evolved which would hold good for most of television's first 60 years. In those prewar months, 326 plays were mounted along with operas, ballets, fashion shows and programmes featuring cookery, gardening, animals, the arts and chat. Major sports events were covered. Cecil Madden's *Picture Page* — "showing people of interest" — began on the opening day and ran twice a week for the duration, in the process inventing the magazine programme.

Cecil Lewis, one of the five BBC founders in 1922, was paid £800 a year to be television's director of outside broadcasts. From his retirement home on Corfu, Lewis (now almost 99) recalls making the first programme about sheep-dog trials (*Champion Sheep Dogs*, November 24, 1936). "The cameras couldn't be moved then. We got four sheep, stuck them in the park outside the Palace and had cameras up in the windows. There were the chaps and dogs down in the park below and we just followed them round for a bit, as well as we could from that position. We produced anything and everything that we could get hold of. We improvised all the time. We had to put a programme out every day, so we did."

Lewis vividly recalls the "enormous spaces" of Alexandra Palace. "We worked in a large empty room which I suppose you'd call a studio. There was no proper gallery with windows to look through and nice people on the other side to tell you what to do. We just picked up the microphone and got on with it."

That room, the EMI-Marconi studio, still exists and so, more surprisingly, does the Baird, though neither is open to the public. Dilapidation is generally the order of the day at the sprawling Palace which, only a month ago, was finally accorded a Grade II listing. Roger Driscoll, who chairs the Alexandra Palace Television Trust, believes the move will encourage developers to restore the studios and create a living museum on the site.

In a year when Shakespeare's Globe has been rebuilt on the South Bank, it seems little enough to ask that the cradle of television be restored and laid before the public. With its visionaries and its decriers, its innovators and its martyrs, the haphazard beginnings of television tell a very British story. It deserves a permanent, interactive memorial.

Michael Church on the squabbling in Thessaloniki, next year's European Cultural Capital

Greeks bearing controversial gifts

You don't have to walk more than 50 paces anywhere in Thessaloniki to realise something is afoot. Roman arches are swaddled in wraps, mosques nestle in scaffolding. Byzantine churches suddenly look new.

In the neo-Byzantine cathedral an army of artists is painting frescoes on hitherto plain walls, in acrylic colours and acres of gold leaf, but in *an antique style*: a *shining*-eyed executant explains that these will be the equal of the celebrated frescoes of Mount Athos — no, they will be better.

Wander into an exquisitely restored Art Nouveau mansion in the city's former Jewish quarter, and you get a tirade about these frescoes from an architect so angry he can hardly speak. He blames the bishop who has hired the painters, and the nationalist, back-to-basics Christianity he represents.

Next year Thessaloniki is taking its turn as Cultural Capital of Europe, and this aesthetic spat is just one of many conflicts which the city's temporary enthronement has brought to a head.

The Art Nouveau mansion is the headquarters of the Cultural Capital project. Originally owned by a Turk, then commandeered by the Nazis, then housing Nato, and thereafter the Red Cross, it reflects the vicissitudes through which the city itself has passed.

The Greek Government is left of centre, while Thessaloniki — Athens's northern "co-capital" — is staunchly rightist. Cultural Capital funds are channelled via Athens, and between Athens and Thessaloniki there is a long history of rivalry. What's more, the local committee overseeing next year's jamboree is split along similar political lines. As a result, what should have been a concerted cultural push by a city seizing its chance is riven by factionalism.

When I visited the project two years ago it was headed by a formidable Eurocrat named Anne Haritou, who had previously been the right-hand woman of Melina Mercouri (begetter of the Cultural Capital concept). Now Haritou and her entire team are gone, and a writer named Panos Theodoridis is installed in her place. It emerges that two other artistic directors have come and gone in the meantime: the composer Stavros Xarchakos (who lasted five months) and the pianist Yannis Vakarelis (who managed six). How come? "They were outsiders who didn't understand the aspirations of this city," explains Theodoridis briskly. "I am a Thessalonian and I do. I shall stay the course."

Thessaloniki's historic Rotunda

Among those who fervently hope he does are the local British Council, which has been driven mad by the constant changes of plan. Britain's official contribution to the festivities will include Anthony Caro's huge sculptural assemblage *The Trojan War*, as well as drama and music; things are not yet finalised.

Nor are the home team's plans. "Pens are still poised over contracts," says Theodoridis, but he happily runs through his list: productions by Peter Hall, Franco Zeffirelli, Peter Stein, Giorgio Strehler, Robert Wilson — yes, the usual circus. Glasgow — cultural capital in 1992 — is for him the touchstone of success (the celebrated Saatchi campaign still reverberates).

In June this beautiful port city will bring out its trump card: for the first time ever, the religious treasures of Mount Athos will go on public display. This means that the half of the human race forbidden entrance to the monks' all-male stronghold will finally get a sight of them too.

The architect enraged by those frescoes is Professor Lois Papadopoulos, a laid-back, bear-like man who takes me on a tour of the works-in-progress. First we pause beside a work stopped in its tracks. The Rotunda was originally a mausoleum, then it became a church, then a mosque, and then a church cum concert venue. Now in perilous disrepair, it is barred to everyone except parishioners on Sunday. Two months ago Papadopoulos and his friends staged a concert in it, which was violently disrupted by protesters — led by the clergy — while police looked on.

Then we stop at a series of edifices: a gorgeous mosque built for Jewish converts to Islam which is now an art gallery; a textile factory destined to become the city's museum of modern art; a monastery being transformed into a cultural centre; a Turkish bath which is now a theatre; a new museum area in the port. The Roman forum, whose streets and arcades are in strikingly good repair, will be turned next year into an "open site".

On the ramparts overlooking the town is the biggest conundrum of all: the "prison", where Turks built over what Christians had added to the original Roman foundations. This was where political prisoners languished under the Nazis, and more recently under the Colonels.

Proposals to expose the Byzantine building by stripping out the prison were quashed by those who argued its historical importance. Poems and novels were written in there; it is part of Greece's folklore. Now a computer simulation will reflect its changing guises while it is gradually made ready as a penal museum, and its exercise yard is reborn as a theatre. Finally, everything becomes culture.

GREAT BRITISH HOPE

Rising stars in the arts firmament

PAUL KIEVE

Name: Paul Kieve

Age: 29

Profession: Illusionist and theatre effects designer.

Coming up: Kieve is designing the ghost effects for *Scrooge* which previews at the Dominion from November 6.

So how do you make ghosts appear on stage? "As a member of the Inner Magic Circle I am rather reluctant to reveal my secrets."

Oh go on. Please: "I won't say a word. I even get casts who work with the illusions to sign secrecy contracts. But, as a small clue, I get most of my techniques from Victorian works on illusion."

How successful is he? Very. Over the past five years Kieve has become the theatre's most sought-after effects man. He makes 20 witches turn into mice in the finale of *Roald Dahl's The Witches* (currently on tour), and he is renowned for his work on Stratford East's production of *The Invisible Man*, which featured 50 illusions, and for English National Ballet's *Alice in Wonderland*. He has also worked with David Copperfield.

Does new technology help? "I hardly use it, although I'm not afraid to. My work tends to be based on 100-year-old techniques."

How long does it take to create an illusion? "The finale of *The Witches* took several months to create, whereas working out how to make coins disappear in a production of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* took a two-hour discussion with the director and Tom Stoppard."

The future: "I've got a few ideas for some shows that I would like to see happen." Such as? "I don't want to say in case anybody else does them." Typical.

GUY WALTERS

It's cabaret time

THE TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

OVER the past year, the idea of eating, drinking and being entertained, all in the same place, has become one of *the* ways for Londoners to enjoy themselves. As is their wont, Theatre Club members have been in the vanguard of this cabaret theatre revival, and will doubtless be aching to take advantage of these special offers:

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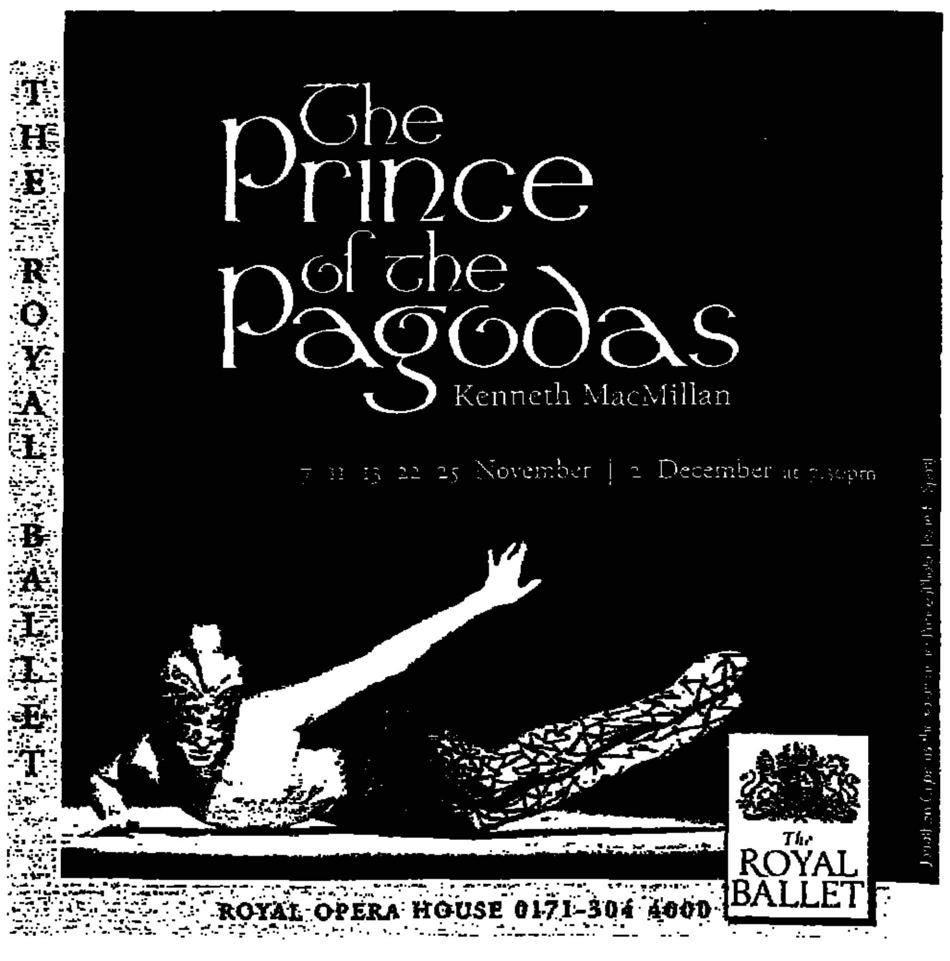

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Mahler's Tenth Symphony is performed by the LSO

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■ CHOICE 2

Diana Rigg brings *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* into the West End

VENUE: Now in preview at the Aldwych

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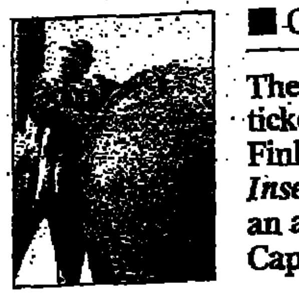
■ CHOICE 3

Joshua Bell plays the Sibelius Violin Concerto in Nottingham

VENUE: Tonight at the Royal Concert Hall



■ OPERA

The hottest ticket in Finland is for *Insect Life*, an adaptation of Capek's satire

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

HAPPY DAYS: Rosaleen Linehan plays the immured Winnie in Karel Reisz's production for Dublin's Gate Theatre. Here for two weeks
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Until *November 9*

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The evening begins with Riccardo Chailly conducting Britten's *Sinfonia da Requiem, the composer's musical* warning against the senseless waste of war. Mahler's expressive Tenth Symphony follows, in the edition reconstructed from the composer's sketches by musicologist *Deryck Cooke*
Barbican, *Silk Street*, EC1 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? Diana Rigg and David Suchet in Howard Davies's powerful Almeida production of Albee's searing play
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm. Opens November 6, 7.15pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.15pm.

ELSEWHERE

ABERDEEN: **Rambert Dance Company** arrives here on the fourth leg of this year's autumn British tour. The varied repertoire includes Christopher Bruce's enduring hits *Rooster* and *Swansong and Kim Brandstrup's new* ballet, working title *Marschallin* (tonight and tomorrow). Bruce's *Moonshine* (to songs recorded by Bob Dylan), Robert Cohan's classic *Stabat Mater* and Didy Veldman's *popular Kol Simcha (Voice of Celebration)* will be performed on Friday and Saturday
His Majesty's, Rosemount Viaduct (01224 641122). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

GLASGOW: Robert David MacDonald directs Edward Albee's **Seascape**, a decidedly strange play in which two humanoid lizards emerge from the sea and comment upon human life.
Citizens (Stalls Studio), Gorbals (0141-429 0022). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until November 23

NOTTINGHAM: The **Danish National Radio Symphony Orchestra** concludes its five-day tour of Britain, as part of a celebratory concert season marking Copenhagen as the 1996 Cultural Capital of Europe. Chief conductor *Ulf Schirmer directs* Bruckner's last, unfinished Ninth Symphony, and the American virtuoso Joshua Bell joins the orchestra for Sibelius's Violin Concerto.
Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square (0115-948 2626). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

PLYMOUTH: Returns only for **Welsh National Opera**'s revival of Göran Järvefelt's 1984 production of Puccini's compelling love story, *La bohème*, conducted by Graham Jackson (tonight) and Gareth Jones (Friday). The company's three-night residency also includes a new production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* (tomorrow), conducted by Anthony Negus. The cast includes the Italian baritone Davide Damiani in the title role, with Arwel Huw Morgan as Leporello and Cara O'Sullivan as Donna Anna. Both operas are sung in Italian, with English surtitles.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (01752 267222). *Tonight-Fri, 7.15pm.* Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Mysteries of Ancient China (0171-636 1555) . . **Brunei** *Empire of the Sultans, Ottoman Art* (0171-637 2388) . . **Camden Arts Centre**, Barnett Newman: Prints 1961-69 (0171-435 2643) . . **Curwen**, Varvara Shavrova — Porthleven (0171-636 1459) . . **Llewellyn Alexander** Ray Jones, Gary Jeffrey and Cyril Mason (0171-620 1322) . . **Lisson**: Lee Ufan, Alan Johnston (0171-724 2739) . . **National Portrait**: John Kobal *Photographic Portrait Award 1996* (0171-306 0055) . . **National Theatre**. A Collection of Calmans (0171-928 2035) . . **Redfern**: Paul Wunderlich (0171-734 1732)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

- ■ **House full, returns only**
- ◩ ***Some seats available***
- ☐ **Seats at all prices**

◩ **THE ALCHEMIST**: Simon Callow, Josie Lawrence and Tim Pigott-Smith in Bill Alexander's Jonson production from Birmingham Rep, set in a post-apocalyptic future. The clever effects needed some polish a month ago, and maybe they've now received them
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. In rep

■ **ART**: Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay *and Ken Stott in exceptionally interesting* drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white canvas. Matthew Warchus directs
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 *(0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm*; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat and Sun, 5pm

☐ **FOOL FOR LOVE**: Ian Brown directs Barry Lynch and Lorraine Ashbourne in Sam Shepard's drama of love on the edge of the Mojave desert. With Gawn Grainger, Martin Marquez.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Nov 30

◩ **HAMLET**: Michael Maloney plays the Prince in a production by Philip Franks, a director who has done great things here
***Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755)*. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until November 30

■ **THE HERBAL BED**: Peter Whelan's thrilling exploration around a true incident in the life of Shakespeare's daughter. Michael Attenborough directs a splendid cast.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm. Opens Nov 5, 7pm. Then in rep.

☐ **MOJO**: Second chance to see Jez Butterworth's hair-raising play, set in Soho gangland. Ian Rickson directs.
Royal Court Theatre Downstairs (Duke of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm

☐ **NEVER THE SINNER**: John Logan's play based on the Leopold and Loeb murder case, performed by past *and present pupils of King's College* School, Wimbledon, and one member of staff. Highly praised at Edinburgh and a rare case of a school production reaching the West End
Arts, *Great Newport Street, WC2* (0171-836 3334/836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm.

☐ **WHAT THE HEART FEELS**: Julia Peasgood and Paul Shelley head a large cast in a new play by the admirable Stephen Bill. The hopes and plans of a group of friends in the Midlands, spanning 11 years. Sam Walters directs
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs (Oct 31), 2.30pm; Sat, 4pm. Until November 23

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Criterion (0171-369 1737) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ☐ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ☐ **An Ideal Husband**: Old Vic (0171-928 7616) . . ◩ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) . . ◩ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . ☐ **Tommy**: Shaftesbury (0171-379 5399) . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CHAIN REACTION** (12): Who is sabotaging a university energy project? *Slickly packaged, derivative thriller with* Keanu Reeves and Morgan Freeman. Director, Andrew Davis
MGM Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **West End** *(01426 915574)* **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990)

NICO ICON: Fascinating documentary about the model and singer Nico, *smoky-voiced siren of the Velvet* Underground. Director, Susanne Ofteringer
ICA Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

TROMEO & JULIET (18): Crude, juvenile updating of Shakespeare's tragedy from the infamous Troma company. Lloyd Kaufman directs Jane Jensen and Will Keenan
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **TWELFTH NIGHT** (U): Trevor Nunn's absorbing, autumnal version of Shakespeare's comedy, with Imogen Stubbs, Helena Bonham Carter, and Nigel Hawthorne
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **MGM Swiss Centre** *(0171-439 4470)* **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY (15): Sensitive, free-wheeling French film about a young Parisian (Garance *Clavel) searching for her cat and a* meaning to life. Director, Cédric Klapisch
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO** (U): Pleasant new version *of the classic tale, mixing humans* (Martin Landau, Genevieve Bujold) and animatronics. Director, Steve Barron
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ *(0990 888990)* **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **COURAGE UNDER FIRE** (15): Denzel Washington searches for truth in the Gulf War. Half-way intelligent drama, with Meg Ryan
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** *(01426 914098)* **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990)

◆ **DRAGONHEART** (PG): Patchwork medieval fantasy about a knight and a dragon with Sean Connery's voice. With Dennis Quaid; director, Rob Cohen
Empire Ⓢ (0990 888 990) Ⓢ **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **JACK** (PG): Joys and pains of a child with an ageing disorder, played by Robin Williams. *Flat and mawkish* comedy from director Francis Coppola.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ *(0990 888990)*

OPERA: Finland hatches a teeming ants' nest; and Dohnányi sails through a complex score

Bigger than the beetles

It had to be only a matter of time before Josef and Karel Capek's allegorical satire, *The Insect Play*, achieved *its metamorphosis* into opera. With its fast-moving tableaux of sex-crazed Butterflies and capitalist Dung Beetles, its recurring leitmotiv of a Chrysalis crying for birth into a brave new world, and its savage Ant apocalypse, it might have appealed to Janáček, Shostakovich or Schnittke. But a Finn has done it: Kalevi Aho's new *Insect Life* at the Finnish National Opera *is the hottest ticket in* Helsinki.

Insect Life
Helsinki

The 48-year-old Aho is the Capeks' ideal partner. His music and his thoughtful polemic writings are propelled by an implacable social conscience; his nine symphonies are criss-crossed with emotional ambiguities and stylistic allusions; and his own "polyphony of independent musics" articulates a distinctive wit and vision. But just as Helsinki had a long wait for its new opera house, so Aho has had to wait ten years for the premiere of *Insect Life*. Some of Aho's frustration at the delay were channelled into his Seventh Symphony, virtually a suite of the *opera's music*.

The opera, too, is suite-like; yet it is driven forward by an inexorable energy, born of both Aho's commitment to his theme and his symphonic experience. It begins with a slow crescendo, as it were, into opera: the composer himself, in evening dress, speaks a Prologue, the Tramp (Heikki Keinonen) lurches on, bantering with audience and orchestra, the Lepidopterist argues. Then, as the Butterflies flutter into dance, a foxtrot and a tango lead into the first aria proper, a love-poem sung by Butterfly Felix (tenor Lassi Virtanen).

The dark tread of bass strings, whipped and lashed by brass, rolls on the huge dung-ball and Mr and Mrs Beetle; a high woodwind scherzo signals the arrival of the short-lived and devoted parents-to-be, Mr and Mrs Grasshopper. Meanwhile, high on the hummocks *which form Anna* Kontek's earthy set, the Chrysalis (a radiant Anna-Kristiina Kaapola) sings her strange, high song, yearning for birth. Aho announces this each time with a brass burst of *Also sprach Zarathustra* — an exceedingly risky idea which succeeds against all odds.

Aho's real coup, though, — and the major achievement of *Insect Life's* shrewd director, Jussi Tapola — is the Ant apocalypse. The stage's entire hummocky landscape rises to reveal a sort of insect Nibelheim in which the Ants slave away ("speed is the master of time!") *until their Dictator leads them* to cataclysmic war ("world power for world peace!"). The score, multilayered and rich in allusion, mingles its manic marches with a deafening tape of the babel of war. The insect world destroys itself; the Chrysalis is born into a Mayfly, and lives and dances for one short, ecstatic day. The Tramp, in duet with her, sings for the first time, then dies himself, having learnt from her *how to live*.

Strongly cast in its 35 solo roles, delightfully costumed, and fearlessly conducted by Pertti Pekkanen, Aho's opera deserves to be seen far beyond Finland. It should travel well; and English National Opera would be well advised to take a close look. Two more performances remain, tomorrow and on November 8.

HILARY FINCH

Without a net: the Tramp (Heikki Keinonen) stalks a Butterfly (Anna-Lisa Jacobsson) in the long-delayed premiere of Kalevi Aho's *Insect Life*

Cream from a golden calf

Moses und Aron
Festival Hall

THE second concert by Christoph von *Dohnányi with the* Philharmonia since the announcement of his appointment as principal conductor featured a work as challenging as any in the repertoire: Schoenberg's opera *Moses und Aron. Though this was a* concert performance, platforms at either side of the stage accommodated the characters' entrances and exits. There was no other attempt to dramatise the action, *except by lowering the house*-lights to simulate a theatre. This led to protests from those who had assumed that the libretto in the programme was for reference during the performance. Surtitles had in fact been prepared, and a botched compromise resulted, with periodic illumination.

Otherwise, the evening was a triumph, in spite of the indisposition of Philip Langridge, cast in one of the two leading roles. The American tenor Hans Aschenbach, familiar with the role from a *production in Leipzig*, stepped in to give a highly commendable account of the part. In fact he managed to achieve what few can in the role: to retain an attractively lyrical quality while encompassing the strenuous vocal demands.

Aage Haugland was equally impressive in the speaking role of Moses. Formidable in his moral power, he achieved the difficult balancing act of projecting an uncharismatic, ineloquent character in a musically sensitive manner.

As the recent Stein/Boulez staging showed, the lack of obvious dramatic action in this work can be compensated for by skilful disposition of the chorus, who become a leading protagonist by taking first one side of the debate and then the other. (The nature of the debate — whether God can be perceived by the ordinary people without the aid of graven images — was unfortunately obscured by the mistranslation of the crucial word "*unvorstellbar*", which here means a divinity not "inconceivable" but "unrepresentable".)

Terry Edwards's London Voices stayed put, but deserve much credit for their grasp of the taxing parts, as do the minor soloists, too numerous to mention. Dohnányi guided voices and orchestra through the hideously complex score with calm assurance. A fastidious concern for clarity was evident, though Dohnányi was also keen to maximise unusual effects of dramatic colour, whether rasping trombone or eerie flexatone. The performance received a prolonged and well-deserved ovation.

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The old joker still the beast

An ornate proscenium arch has been installed at the Hampstead Theatre, along with a lot of red plush and two cut-out ladies whose naked breasts light up and flash during the performance. This tawdry glamour is the spiritual home of Archie Rice, music-hall artiste, womaniser and lush, portrayed with unnerving skill by Michael Pennington in Stephen Rayne's production.

The Entertainer
Hampstead Theatre

When John Osborne's play was first produced at the Royal Court in 1957, Olivier took the part, marking the Establishment's first endorsement of the Angry Young Man. "*The Entertainer* is [Osborne's] diagnosis of the sickness that is currently afflicting our slap-happy breed," wrote Kenneth Tynan at the time. The play, and subsequently the film, came to epitomise that time of disillusionment and cynicism, but it is surprising to see how that interpretation fits our own times.

In seedy digs in a coastal resort where the Rice family is currently installed, Archie's daughter Jean (Siri O'Neal) arrives unexpectedly to find her beslippered grandfather Billy (Julian Curry) settling down with a bottle of Bass and the evening paper. Archie is performing in his latest money-spinning venture, a nude show at the Grand, and his wife, Jean's stepmother Phoebe, is out at the pictures.

The old man, a "real pro" in his day, abhors the kind of work his son is reduced to doing. "They don't want real people any more," he complains. "You had to be a personality in those days." But Billy's time is past, and nobody listens to him. We see Archie's act for ourselves, in all its debasement. Despite his blue jokes, mock patriotic songs and a bit of tap dancing thrown in, Archie is just a minor irritation for an audience which has come to see the nudes. He knows it, which is worse, but he does not care as long as they pay.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Family matters: Michael Pennington as Archie Rice and Siri O'Neal as his daughter Jean in Stephen Rayne's production of *The Entertainer*

Phoebe has stuck by him all these years and borne him sons, one of whom is working with Archie while the other is fighting in Suez. Jane Wood is a revelation as Phoebe, a woman so dizzy she can barely remain in her seat for more than a few moments and cannot even remember the name of the film she has seen that evening. But her extreme good heartedness is soured by gin into equally vehement fights. It is perhaps the only outlet for the humiliation that she has suffered at the hands of Archie, though mostly she still hides behind the phoney good cheer.

In form though not in content the play itself seems oddly dated now. The plot is mired in the characters' own stasis, relying on the intervention of telegrams, letters, the arrival of a policeman at the door to drive itself forward.

The sexual politics can be observed with interest as coming from another era, but the underwriting of Jean's part leaves a vacuum in the story which should have been filled, at least temporarily, with idealism and hope. Rayne's excellent production has only one lamentable lapse of judgment, which is to put a real nude on stage to no dramatic effect whatever. Except perhaps to show how much more our culture is now in the grip of commercialism.

Monday's press-night performance was an historic occasion in a melancholy way because of the absence of the respected theatre critic Jack Tinker, who died that day. When his death was announced at the end of the performance, it was greeted with shock and dismay which was as genuine from the stage as it was from the auditorium.

CLARE BAYLEY

Off the wall, on the boards

IRISH THEATRE

This year, Project Arts Centre firmly invaded the territory on which the official Dublin Theatre Festival chose not to tread in picking productions for its mini festival of experimental work.

The centrepiece of this festival within a festival, Crisus's **SAPA**, brought to mind just what a fascinating avant-garde performance experience *It's A Knockout* used to be. The young company specialises in taking over a venue (in this case Dublin's now disused Iveagh Market) and turning it into a nasty, diesel-powered world.

A thundering waterclock which periodically doused the Iveagh floor; a vicious, spiky tricycle; a buzzing fur-covered chainsaw; an immense rotating movie screen-plus-fairground ride and a 30ft wheelbarrow all saw action on the *SAPA* battlefield. Making arresting props, however, requires different skills from producing powerful theatre. While Crisus certainly possesses the former competence, other elements, such as narrative, were left awkward and underdeveloped.

Meanwhile, Pan Pan Theatre Company's **Taylor's Requiem** dipped into dance, mime and performance art to pull out an extraordinary work, dotted with moments of rich, theatrical image-making.

The main festival programme climaxed in impressive style with three performances of Silviu Purcarete's **Les Danaides**, but 1996 was still a patchy year for homegrown productions, a fact boldly emphasised by the presentation of the festival's top award for an Irish production to a suburban farce, **Stella By Starlight**, by Bernard Farrell.

But if Farrell still, inexplicably, finds infinite jest in the Dublin middle classes, new Irish productions at the festival were not always so anodyne in their choice of subject matter. Among the topics tackled were the social cost of Dublin's ever-expanding girth, the 1798 rising of the United Irishmen and the loves, pains and artistic struggles of Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

Last year's festival presentation from the Passion Machine was *Buddleia*, a boisterous piece which crammed 29 actors on to the small stage at Project Arts Centre and climaxed in a demolition of the set. The action in **Kitchensink**, this year's offering from the company, takes place in a suburban housing estate under construction and over many years. Four actors share all the roles, quick-changing their way from toy gun-toting kids on the run, to anginal old folks, furtively puffing on their terminal cigarettes.

Mercier's strength as a writer is an ability to be straightforward about his gloomy view of consumer-driven social decline without crumbling into didacticism. Nevertheless, *Kitchensink* misses the energy and tension that *Buddleia*'s crowded stage offered.

Rough Magic provided a slow ride through the history of Irish drama with Stewart Parker's **Northern Star**. The story of yet another doomed Irish rebel hero — Henry Joy McCracken, a Protestant with a dream of an Ireland as a shareholders' democracy — the production stepped from lime-lit melodrama through a peasant lyrical style and on to some moments of starkly-lit Beckettian theatre.

LUKE CLANCY

Taking partners for the last warts

Buried Treasure
Lyric Studio, W6

WITH an acting area not much larger than an average kitchen, the Bush Theatre has inspired designers to come up with ingenious ways of suggesting that the audience is in a forest glade, overlooking an archery field or, incredibly, beside a marshalling yard where (all done by mirrors) rail track vanishes into the distance. Robin Don designed that particular marvel, and the proportions of the Bush's temporary home at the Lyric Studio — ground area and height of an average house — must have seemed uncommonly generous.

For David Ashton's new play, set beside the sea in some bleakly religious Scottish town, Don provides the faded interior of a dance hall with a glimpse of the promenade beyond, and hangs above it one of his skyscapes of driving rain clouds. The effect is appropriately confining for a play concerned with resistance to the oppressions and hypocrisies of the godfearing.

Fifteen or so years before the play opens, Frank McCoig set fire to the church, but cannot say why; returned to the community from hospital he defiantly re-opens his dance hall, the place condemned from the pulpit by the local minister. By the end of the play the townsfolk have set fire to the hall, but Frank has remembered the blank two hours of his life.

In retrospect the development and denoument seem too theatrically neat, but Ashton's writing has always pulsed with a vitality that can shove doubts aside when we watch his characters in battle. The play pits the grittily determined Frank (Alexander Morton) against his old rival and unctious traitor, the Rev Robert Sneddon (Jimmy Yuill).

In its way, *Buried Treasure* is as tight as middle-period Ibsen, even to the scene of self-discovery through crisis. Robin Lefèvre's production steadily tightens the tension, allows it to snap, then builds it again, and the company of five passionately inhabit their

MARILYN KINGWILL

Alexander Morton and Jimmy Yuill come to blows in David Ashton's Ibsen-esque *Buried Treasure*

roles. Colette O'Neil's Sadie, mocked as a witch for her weird ways, has a voice like a piercing sigh and can fix our attention upon her simply by sitting motionless. Jennifer Black plays Linda, loved by one man, carried as a trophy by the other, and briefly sings *Stormy Weather*, leitmotiv of the play, in a rich, irresistibly *danceable* voice. As her valiant son, the young actor Anthony J. O'Donnell confirms the promise he showed recently in *The Winter Guest*.

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IF EVER there was a jazz musician with impeccable credentials, it is Connecticut-born trombonist Roswell Rudd. In the 1960s alone, he played with the highly influential pianist Herbie Nichols, saxophonists Steve Lacy and Archie Shepp, and in the New York Art Quartet featuring John Tchicai, and the Primordial Quartet with Lee Konitz. On this occasion, he was sharing front-line duties with a fellow Carla Bley band alumnus, British saxophonist and saxello player Elton Dean.

Dean is celebrated these days chiefly for his freely improvised playing, and the rest of the band — pianist Alex Maguire, bassist Marcio Mattos and drummer Mark Sanders — are also among this country's most skilful operators in that area. It was therefore no surprise that the quintet devoted both of their hour-long sets to seamless collective improvisations in which an extraordinary range of moods was conveyed not only by the rhythmic and dynamic variety of the spontaneously created music but — more importantly — by the timbres and textures achieved by Rudd and Dean.

The trombone is often said to be the instrument whose sound is closest to the human voice and Rudd has always been unequalled in his ability to "speak" through it. He ran through the whole panoply of sounds, from low rasps and growls through affecting mewls and whimpers to uninhibited shouts and roars, shadowed every step of the way by Maguire, Mattos and Sanders.

Dean, too, conjured an intensely human sound from his horns, his famously astringent tone, particularly on his trademark saxello, providing the perfect complement to Rudd's full-bodied eloquence. When a conventional tune was eventually played, it was entirely fitting that it should have been *Happy Birthday* — in honour of the fifth anniversary of the establishment of Dean and Mattos's club, Rumours, at this most hospitable of venues.

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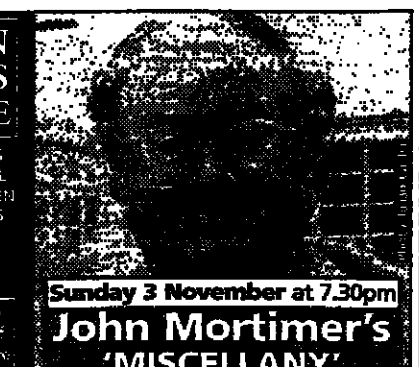

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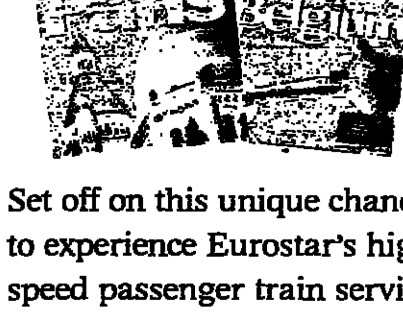

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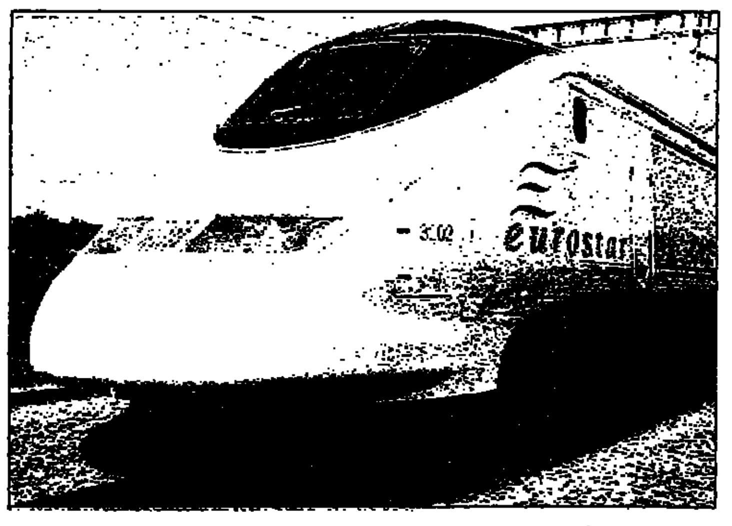

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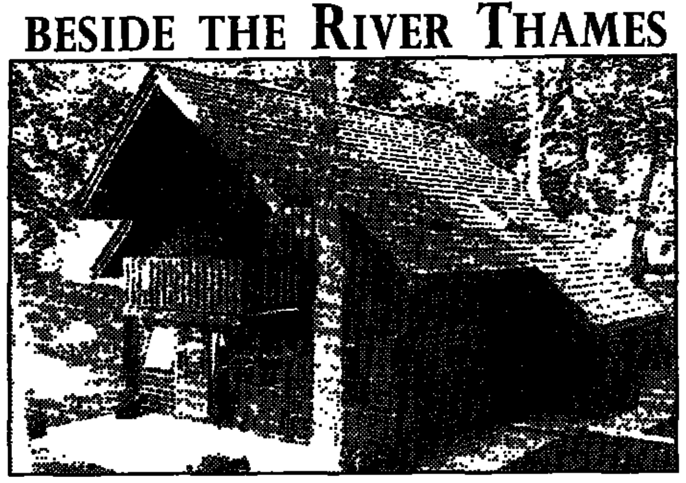

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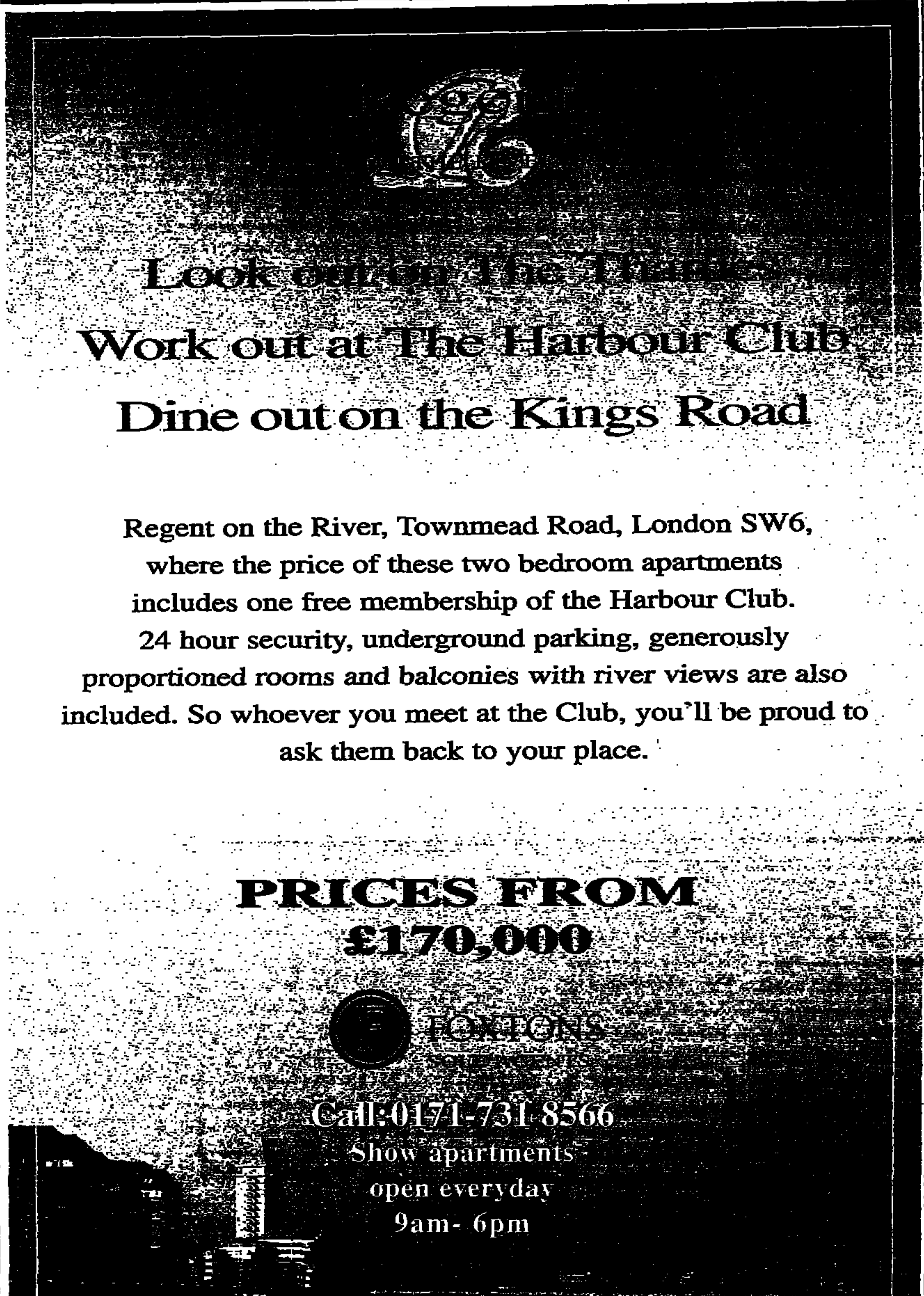

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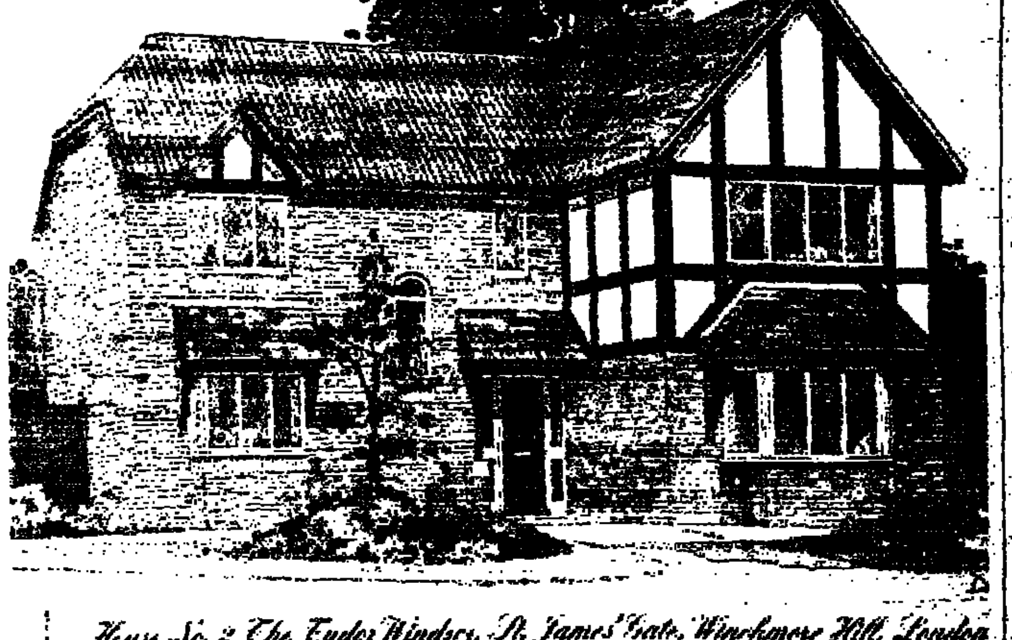

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Rachel Kelly spotlights an award-winning £1.5 million reconstruction of a historical house which was ravaged by fire

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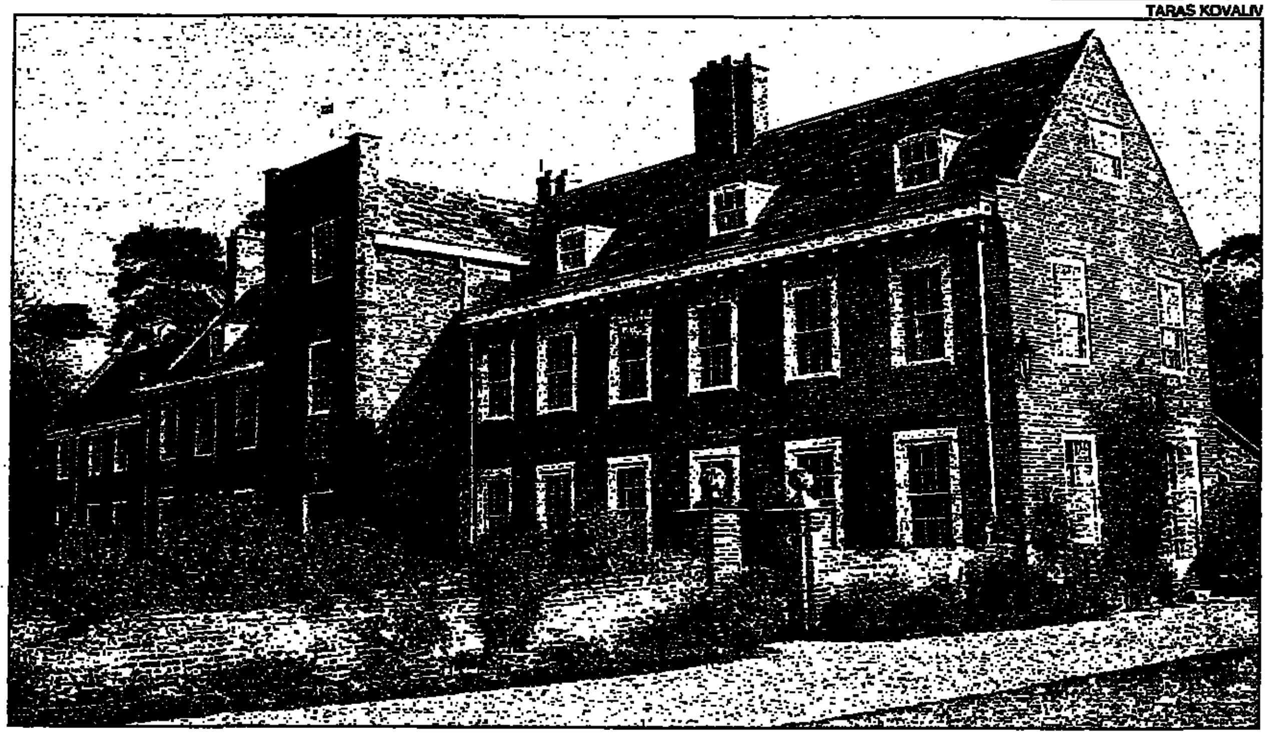

TARAS KOVALIV

The restored Harrington Hall: it took craftsmen five years to transform a fire-gutted shell into a beautiful home

David and Shervie Price were dining in London when the call came. Their Lincolnshire home, the 17th-century Harrington Hall, was on fire. They drove through the night in scenes reminiscent of *Rebecca* when the De Winters learn that Manderlay is burning.

They arrived shortly before midnight to find 20 fire engines and 150 firemen, a clutch of neighbours, the estate agent who had sold them the house, the rector, the gardener, and practically the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker.

"It was very dramatic. The rain was lashing down. We were very touched that so many people had turned out. They were very supportive. I hadn't realised how warmly held the house is in people's affections."

No one has discovered how the fire began. The Prices had begun restoring the house they had bought eight months earlier, redoing the roof, rewiring and replumbing. Fortunately, they had yet to move in their furniture and belongings. The likelihood is that an electrical spark lit the wood panelling.

The Prices decided that night that if it was humanly possible, they would rebuild the house from its smoking remains.

"I think the welcome that friends and neighbours gave us reinforced our desire to rebuild," says Mrs Price.

Five years later, the Prices are putting the finishing touches to an estimated £1.5 million restoration, courtesy of Lloyd's insurers.

Next week, the house is to be awarded with a Europa Nostra award for the quality of the work. Set up in 1978, the awards recognise projects that contribute to Europe's heritage. In the case of Harrington Hall, the award recognises "the dedication of private owners and the skills of all concerned in the remarkable rebuilding and conservation of a house mostly destroyed by fire".

"Lloyd's came up trumps. The day after the fire, we knew we could start on the work," says Mrs Price.

Their experience is instructive for any homeowner faced with the devastation wreaked by fire. The first step was to erect scaffolding to cradle the remains of the house. By July 1992, seven months after the fire, the Prices had an empty shell with a new roof. The remaining structure was saturated with water from the firemen's hoses.

"We've still got a fan going in the cellar," says Mrs Price. "The top of the house naturally dries out first as the water seeps down through the floors. You start living in the house from the top down."

Restoration revealed the earlier structure of the house including three layers of tiled flooring. "Once work began, it was just so exciting," she recalls. "It was such a busy place, what with cranes lifting up steel beams, and everyone working towards a common goal."

Mrs Shervie Price in her rebuilt library: its Baroque style was inspired by the Wren Library at Lincoln Cathedral

The Prices employed six full-time builders. In all, about 60 craftsmen, scaffolders, roofers and plumbers have worked on the house under the watchful eye of Terry Hodson, the foreman from the local builder, Tasker's of Digby.

"I think we are lucky in still having these specialist craftsmen down here," says Mrs Price.

In the end, they recreated the outside of the red-brick house exactly as it was. The entrance and staircase halls are as they were, restored using surviving fragments of panelling.

Mrs Price discovered an unpublished photograph of the 17th-century attic stairs in *Country Life*'s archive, which allowed them to be reconstructed from salvaged timbers by the Spilsby craftsman Rob Ley.

The Prices reused some 400-year-old oak from the attics wherever possible. Inventive new interiors have been created by the designer Christopher Nevile.

He has designed new rooms round the long corridor which runs the length of the house, from the old service quarters to the main reception rooms which have windows on all three sides.

A team of craftsmen and designers, including five Lincolnshire joinery firms, have provided variety, with the small rooms elaborately decorated and the large rooms simply treated.

Mr Nevile has incorporated the traditional country-house distinctions between "masculine" rooms of dining room, billiard room, and library which are soberly decorated, and the "feminine" rooms, such as Mrs Price's room and morning room, which are painted pale colours and enjoy a touch of fantasy.

> 'The house nearly died. We have nursed it back to health'

The gunroom has been turned into a kitchen, with room for informal entertaining, with yellow and blue walls and witty light fittings made by Catherine Purves.

The Aga cooker has a tile painting of the phoenix rising from the ashes, naturally. The former kitchen, with its Edwardian range exposed, is now a billiard room. The morning room is papered with pictures of insects, birds, and animals living round Harrington Hall, together with the house's emblem, a phoenix, inspired by a scheme in a royal palace in Sweden.

One mirrored and marbled octagonal bathroom was inspired by a room in the Musée Carnavalet, Paris. The Wren Library at Lincoln Cathedral was the model for the Baroque decoration of the paperback library.

In Mr Price's dressing room, there are drawers and cupboard which take the form of a Vanbrugh door case.

Mr and Mrs Price moved back into the home in April, 1994, with their two grown up children. Mr Price is deputy chairman of Mercury Asset Management.

"When we first moved in, I was quite daunted by the house," concludes Mrs Price. "A house like this imposes a certain obligation. I feel as though the house became terribly sick and nearly died. We have nursed it back to health. Now I feel the house is entirely mine. I feel it is part of me, and I am part of it. That wouldn't have happened had it not been for the fire."

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A: The clause stating "peaceful enjoyment of the property" means that as long as you are responsible for rent payments, you will be free from interference from the landlord, says Willie Manardes, from Macfarlanes solicitors.

"Unreasonable" levels of noise means if the work took a unreasonably long time or was not carried out in the normal manner, says David Buller, commercial director of Welling Partners.

Q: I WAS shocked to read in *The Times* (October 8) of the couple whose house was transformed into a worthless liability after the local council announced plans to build a major road from their back door. My family is intending to relocate to Norfolk in 1997. Can you give any advice on how we can investigate this sort of situation?

A: Don't panic! That was an extreme case. That aside, you are still wise to be taking precautions, says Martin Shaw, director of planning at Norfolk County Council. The best starting point would be Norfolk County Council (01603 222222).

Q: I BOUGHT a flat five years ago. It was originally above a taxi company office, but last year an Indian takeaway moved in and the smell of cooking is sometimes overpowering. What can I do?

A: The law is probably on your side, says Patrick Downes of Chapman Warren Consultants. Check with your local council's planning department about planning permission. Secondly, under the Environment Protection Act of 1990, smell is now counted as a statutory nuisance.

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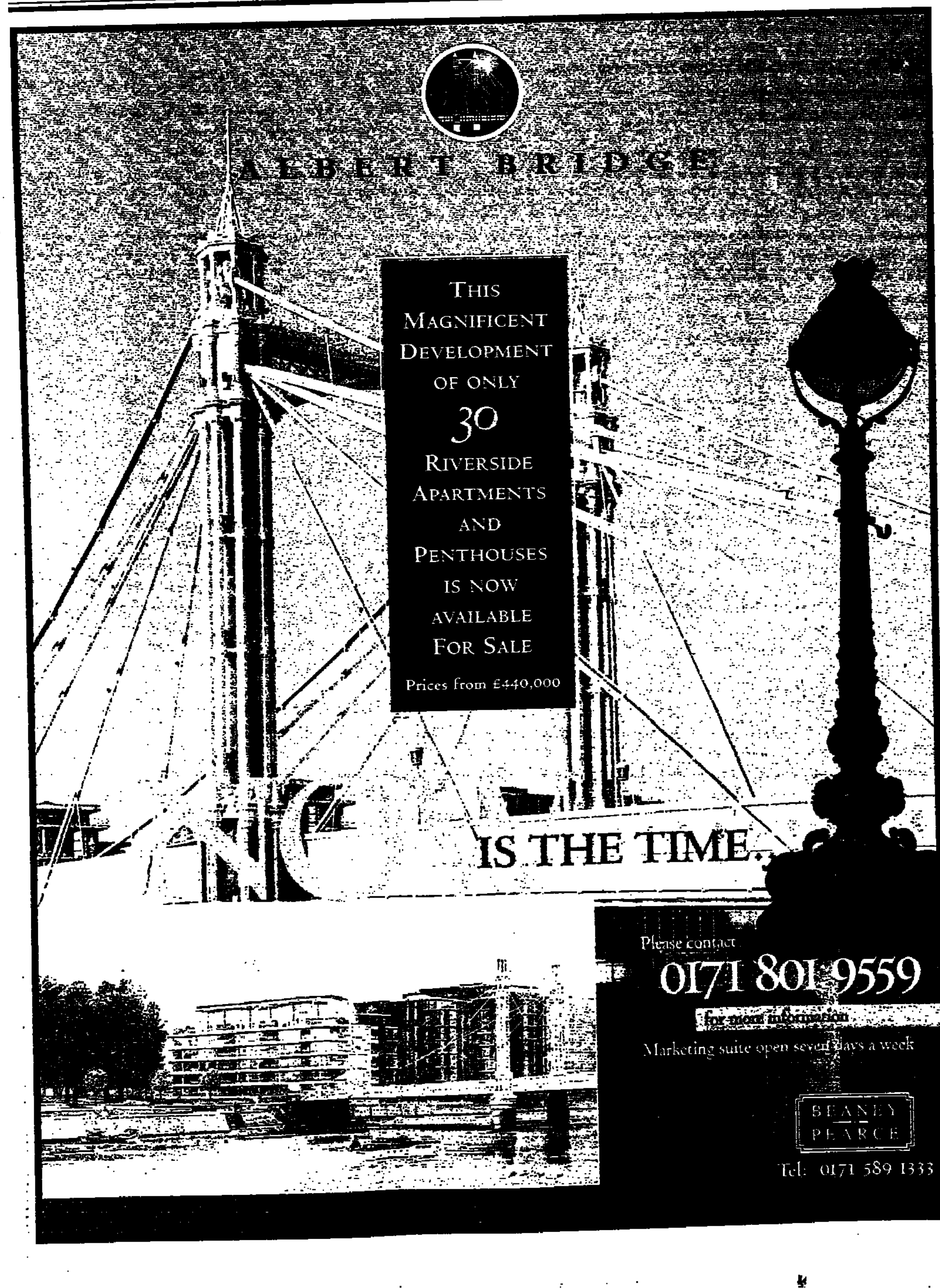
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RACING: FINE START TO SEASON ADVERTISES TRAINER'S RESILIENCE

Bailey continues revival with Cheltenham double

By Alan Lee

THERE have been moments in the past few months when Kim Bailey has wondered if things could possibly get worse. Dismay and divisions in his training career and public distress in his personal life conspired in such a depressing cocktail that the whisperers of the racing world competed with the gossip columnists to speculate bleakly on his future.

But yesterday, on the Cheltenham course where his wildest dreams were fulfilled only 18 months ago, Bailey's capacity to conquer adversity was advertised again. While the trainer spent the day seeking fresh blood at the Newmarket sales, his defiantly impressive start to the National Hunt season was maintained by two more winners.

Bailey, who last season slipped from third to seventh in the trainers' table, lies second to Martin Pipe this term and the first-race victory of Herbert Lodge, an exciting novice who has required a vast investment of patience during two years off with pelvic and sinus problems, gave fresh cause for optimism.

Herbert Lodge, having only his second run over hurdles, toyed with modest opposition after his market rival, Marching Marquis, had been brought down at the first flight. A relieved assistant trainer, Alex Hales, said: "Kim has been talking about this one for weeks. He has had a lot of problems but we think highly of him and hope he'll be back here in March for the Supreme Novices' Hurdle."

Two seasons ago, Bailey trained the winners of both the Champion Hurdle and Gold Cup at the Cheltenham Festival. Last March he ended the meeting without a winner and, soon afterwards, split unhappily with his stable jockey, Norman Williamson. His head lad also left and conditional jockey, Timmy Murphy, recently departed. Meanwhile, Bailey's marital problems brought unwelcome publicity and, last week, his father died.

It has been a precarious platform on which to launch a new season but Bailey has kept his balance and his nerve. His owners have been unflinchingly loyal and the appointment of Conor O'Dwyer as No 1 jockey has so far been a smooth success. Yesterday's double, completed by Hunters Rock, improved O'Dwyer's record to nine winners from 17 rides for his new stable.

O'Dwyer, 30, is a consummate stylist and, although still based in Ireland, he has demonstrated his commitment to Bailey by applying for a British jockey's licence. "It makes a lot of sense," he said. "I can use my Irish licence here but it means I have to show my whip, helmet and body protector every time I ride.

"The arrangement with Mr Bailey is working very well. I don't mind the travelling and, because there are six-day entries in Ireland, I can work out my schedule pretty easily, week by week. I've a lot of good horses to ride now and Mr Bailey takes priority — apart, of course, from Imperial Call."

The Gold Cup triumph of Imperial Call promoted O'Dwyer's talent in this country and planted his name in Bailey's mind. The horse was due to make his comeback at Clonmel tomorrow week but O'Dwyer reported: "I don't think he'll run. He missed four or five days' work after an overreach and there is no point in rushing him."

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Nap: MICHAEL VENTURE
(3.40 Yarmouth)
Next best: Fine Times
(2.30 Yarmouth)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Herbert Lodge becomes the first of two winners for Bailey and O'Dwyer at Cheltenham yesterday

THUNDERER

1.20 Iota
1.55 Miss Universal
2.30 Sarabi
3.05 Happy Valentine
3.40 **MICHAEL VENTURE** (nap)
4.10 Comanche Companion

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
3.40 MICHAEL VENTURE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.55 Florid. 3.05 Darnaway.
3.40 MICHAEL VENTURE (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.20 NEWPORT CLAIMING STAKES (£2,833: 1m 6f 17yd) (11 runners)

101	(8)	600030	WELL ARRANGED 51 (D,G,S) (Mrs A-M Hamilton) M Polglase 5-9-12	J Weaver	81
102	(6)	450802	CROSS TALK 11 (D,F,S) (Elite Racing Club) N Tinkler 4-9-0	K Darley	[illegible]
103	(5)	212242	INFLUENCE PEDLER 36 (CD,BF,F) (C Brittain) C Brittain 3-8-13	M Roberts	85
104	(4)	304020	ZELIBA 9 (F) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-13	Jo Hunnam (7)	74
105	(10)	460006	JUNIOR BEN 7 (Prestige Racing Club) P Howling 4-8-12	K Fallon	82
106	(11)	601330	FLIGHT MASTER 41 (F) (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 4-8-10	Pat Eddery	97
107	(9)	8	DERRYBELLE 4 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 5-8-7	D Harrison	—
108	(3)	053000	IOTA 11 (D,F,G,S) (Lavender Hill Leisure Ltd) J L Harris 7-8-7	D McKeown	98
109	(7)	030005	BOBBY'S DREAM 9 (Mrs P Kelman) M Tompkins 4-8-5	M Henry (3)	78
110	(1)	0545/40	LUCY TUFTY 28 (G Tufts) J Pearce 5-8-5	G Bardwell	79
111	(2)	00	NEW REGIME 154 (Mrs J Martin) P Dalton 3-8-4	J F Egan	—

BETTING: 7-4 Influence Pedler, 5-1 Cross Talk, 6-1 Well Arranged, 7-1 Bobby's Dream, 8-1 Flight Master, Iota, 12-1 Zeliba, 14-1 others.

1995: NASHAAT 7-8-1 J Stack (3-1 fav) N Walker 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

WELL ARRANGED 5¾l 3rd to Backwoods in handicap at Wolverhampton (1m 7f, AW). CROSS TALK 3½l 2nd to Dona Point in apprentices claimer at Catterick (1m 4f, good). INFLUENCE PEDLER 6l 2nd to Go With The Wind in handicap at Nottingham (2m, good to firm). ZELIBA 1¾l 2nd to Amiarge in handicap at Nottingham (2m 2f, good). FLIGHT MASTER 2¾l 3rd to Guesstimation in seller at Warwick (1m 3f, good). BOBBY'S DREAM 4¾l 6th to Lapitha in handicap at Pontefract (2m 2f, good) with ZELIBA (6lb worse off) 15l 11th.
Selection: CROSS TALK

1.55 CORTON CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,022: 1m 2f 21yd) (7 runners)

201	(7)	441333	FLORID 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 5-9-7	Pat Eddery	87
202	(5)	3-1	PODDINGTON 109 (F) (Miss V Pratt) R Akehurst 5-9-5	D Harrison	69
203	(1)	15-0020	MEDAILLE MILITAIRE 18 (D,F) (J Hanson) J Dunlop 4-9-2	K Darley	90
204	(4)	1/421-	STEADY READY GO 501 (D,S) (T Armour) J Poulton 4-9-2	A Morris	78
205	(6)	13-0233	ANTHELIA 139 (C,F,G) (Mrs C Lilley) G Wragg 3-8-6	M Hills	91
206	(2)	520226	MISS UNIVERSAL 25 (B Bull) C Brittain 3-8-6	M Roberts	[illegible]
207	(3)	0	TUMI 20 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-6	L Dettori	—

BETTING: 7-4 Anthelia, 5-2 Florid, 4-1 Medaille Militaire, 8-1 Miss Universal, 10-1 Poddington, 12-1 Tumi, 16-1 Steady Ready Go.

1995: SASEEDO 5-9-5 Emma O'Gorman (2-1) W O'Gorman 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLORID 2¾l 3rd to Bright Water in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). PODDINGTON beat Bilsted Outburst 2l in 7-runner maiden at Lingfield (1m 1f, good to firm). MEDAILLE MILITAIRE 3½l 2nd of 6 to Key To My Heart in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm). ANTHELIA ¾l 3rd to Sardonic in listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). MISS UNIVERSAL 3½l 2nd to Min Alhawa in conditions race at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). TUMI 11l 7th to Multicoloured in maiden at York (1m 2f 85yd, good).
Selection: FLORID

2.30 LOUND NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,070: 5f 43yd) (11 runners)

301	(11)	01016	STYGIAN 25 (D,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-7	Pat Eddery	95
302	(8)	42343	NOPALEA 26 (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 9-3	M Roberts	[illegible]
303	(4)	656402	FINE TIMES 25 (Glasgow House Four) C Fairhurst 9-1	D McKeown	92
304	(1)	603	DOMINANT AIR 12 (M Greig) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	89
305	(7)	05001	SARABI 12 (D,G) (Z Golsdani) J Pearce 8-11	K Fallon	98
306	(6)	06300	REGAL EQUITY 42 (A Helsassi) B Meehan 8-10	J Weaver	91
307	(9)	4005	EXPECTATION 8 (I S Racing) P Webber 8-8	D Harrison	97
308	(10)	6250	MANHATTAN DIAMOND 117 (B) (Mrs B Higgins) A Bailey 8-8	G Carter	88
309	(5)	00061	SWIFT 11 (D,G) (G Howlett) M Polglase 8-7	K Darley	96
310	(3)	01	ROYAL BLACKBIRD 28 (D,G) (E Carter) J Banks 8-6	R Mullen (7)	93
311	(2)	1800	SPARKLING EDGE 19 (F) (S Ross) C Dwyer 7-11	J Quinn	98

BETTING: 7-2 Nopalea, 9-2 Stygian, Sarabi, 6-1 Swift, Fine Times, 8-1 Expectation, 10-1 Royal Blackbird, 12-1 others.

1995: DANDE FLYER 8-10 B Doyle (7-2) D Arbuthnot 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

STYGIAN beat Kilcullen Lad 2½l in nursery at Leicester (6f, good to firm). NOPALEA 3¾l 3rd of 10 to Heart Throb in maiden at Lingfield (5f, good). FINE TIMES ¾l 2nd of 12 to Queen's Pageant in maiden at Haydock (5f, soft). DOMINANT AIR 3¾l 3rd of 8 to Lady Diesis in maiden at Catterick (6f, good). SARABI beat Donna's Dancer head in 17-runner nursery at Catterick (5f, good). EXPECTATION 1¾l 5th of 16 to Shai's Quest in nursery at Chepstow (6f, soft). SWIFT beat Keen To Please ¾l in 5-runner conditions race at Catterick (5f, good). ROYAL BLACKBIRD beat Le Shuttle 2l in 6-runner seller at Brighton (5f 59yd, good).
Selection: STYGIAN (nap)

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HERRINGFLEET MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,980: 7f 3yd) (18 runners)

401	(12)	0	ALYPORTENT 12 (J Hulme) W Haggas 9-0	G Duffield	—
402	(6)	0	CRYSTAL GOLD 50 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	K Bradshaw	—
403	(4)		DARNAWAY (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
404	(9)		DOUBLE ALLEGED (Mrs N J Hoggins) M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	—
405	(7)	6	FABLED LIGHT 15 (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0	M Hills	—
406	(2)		GHARIB (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	—
407	(13)		HAPPY VALENTINE (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	—
408	(1)		HULAL (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	R Hills	—
409	(18)	6	NOR-DO-I 12 (MacDougall Partnership) J Eustace 9-0	A McGlone	—
410	(5)		NORTHERN ANGEL (J Stone) Mrs J Cecil 9-0	K Darley	—
411	(8)		SALFORD LAD (A Thompson) G Wragg 9-0	W Ryan	—
412	(16)		SHAWM (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0	R Hughes	—
413	(15)		SILVERANI (P Silver) L Cumani 9-0	O Urbina	—
414	(14)	0	WATER GARDEN 12 (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	A Clark	—
415	(3)	0	WATHBAT NASHWAN 15 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 9-0	R Ffrench (7)	—
416	(11)	60	BABE 28 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 8-9	M Henry (3)	89
417	(17)	4	ITATINGA 24 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-9	K Fallon	[illegible]
418	(10)	64	SHALSTAYHOLY 9 (J R Leisure Ltd) G L Moore 8-9	S Whitworth	97

BETTING: 5-2 Darnaway, 5-1 Happy Valentine, 7-1 Shawm, 8-1 Double Alleged, Itatinga, Salford Lad, 10-1 others.

1995: MAWJUD 9-0 R Hills (9-1) H Thomson Jones 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALYPORTENT 12l 15th of 22 to Baked Alaska in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good) with NOR-DO-I 5l 20th and WATER GARDEN 4l 22nd. DARNAWAY (foaled Mar 14). By Green Desert, half-brother to useful miler Ardkinglass; dam best at 1m. FABLED LIGHT 7½l 6th of 10 to Altitude in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). HAPPY VALENTINE (foaled Mar 17, cost 600,000gns). By Rainbow Quest, half-brother to useful Blushing Flame, dam sister to Salsabil. WATHBAT NASHWAN 15l 8th of 12 to Our People in a maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). ITATINGA 5¾l 4th of 11 to Future Perfect in a maiden at Haydock (7f, soft)
No selection

3.40 RANWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,835: 1m 3yd) (13 runners)

501	(8)	00	FANTAIL 13 (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 9-0	M Henry (3)	79
502	(7)		GOLD CLIPPER (P Axon) M Ryan 9-0	A Clark	—
503	(12)	06	HADIDI 18 (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-0	R Hills	80
504	(1)	05	INVERMARK 53 (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 9-0	D Harrison	91
505	(6)	60	KWELO 12 (N Azar) J Payne 9-0	A McGlone	79
506	(11)	0	MANDILAK 31 (HH Aga Khan) L Cumani 9-0	O Urbina	—
507	(4)	02	MICHAEL VENTURE 15 (Dr F Chan) S Woods 9-0	K Darley	[illegible]
508	(2)		MIRACLE KID (L Lo) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	—
509	(9)	03	RED GUARD 27 (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	M Hills	97
510	(5)		SEATTLE ART (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
511	(3)		STREET GENERAL (L Gaucci) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	—
512	(10)	0	THE TIG 34 (J Owen) L Lloyd-James 9-0	K Fallon	—
513	(13)	00	TOP SHELF 16 (Kings Bloodstock Ltd) C Brittain 8-9	M Roberts	84

BETTING: 2-1 Seattle Art, 5-2 Michael Venture, 9-2 Miracle Kid, 6-1 Invermark, 12-1 Street General, 14-1 others.

1995: BRIGHT WATER 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) H Cecil 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

HADIDI 13l 6th of 11 to Hidden Meadow in a maiden at York (1m, good). INVERMARK 9l 5th of 15 to Ivan Luis in maiden at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). KWELO 10l 12th of 22 to Baked Alaska in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). MANDILAK 23l 10th of 11 to Kahal in conditions race at Ascot (7f, good). MICHAEL VENTURE ¾l 2nd of 12 to Our People in maiden at Leicester (1m, good to firm). RED GUARD 2½l 3rd of 16 to Mashhaer in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with FANTAIL 13l 13th. SEATTLE ART (foaled Mar 24). By Seattle Slew, half-brother to middle-distance stayers Latin Quarter and Sedowe; dam 1m winner.
Selection: RED GUARD

4.10 CALIFORNIA HANDICAP (£3,725: 7f 3yd) (20 runners)

601	(5)	200-505	ABSOLUTE MAGIC 9 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 6-10-0	M Hills	90
602	(7)	400400	CZARNA 20 (D,S) (Mrs S Collins) C Brittain 5-10-0	M Roberts	96
603	(10)	054018	SEA DANZIG 6 (D,G) (P Cook) J Bridger 3-9-7	D Harrison	93
604	(13)	5000	SUMMER BEAUTY 25 (S Hata) J Gosden 3-9-7	L Dettori	90
605	(20)	320103	DON PEPE 7 (CD,F,G) (Mrs E Aird) R Boss 5-9-6	A Daly (5)	98
606	(8)	0320-00	HICKORY BLUE 152 (B,F) (Mrs C Griffin) K Morgan 6-9-6	R Hughes	89
607	(14)	604461	ALLINSON'S MATE 11 (B,D,F,G) (P Jones) T Barron 8-9-6	Victoria Appleby (7)	98
608	(1)	000006	COMANCHE COMPANION 11 (D,F,G,S) (Haver RC I) T Naughton 6-9-4	J Weaver	[illegible]
609	(17)	040020	STATISTICIAN 11 (B,F) (J Berry) John Berry 4-9-0	K Fallon	92
610	(4)	301030	JUST MILLIE 5 (V,D,F) (E Carter) J Banks 3-9-0	R Mullen (7)	90
611	(11)	362000	EVERSET 2 (B,D,F,G,S) (G Mytton) A Bailey 8-8-13	D Wright (3)	90
612	(15)	536322	BENTICO 16 (D,F,G) (Twenty Twenty Racing) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-11	C Teague (3)	97
613	(2)	0-03005	SHARP 'N' SHADY 11 (W Wallick) C Wall 3-8-9	G Duffield	85
614	(19)	001006	SOAKING 35 (D,F,G) (P Saunders) P Burgoyne 6-8-8	D McCabe	86
615	(12)	500000	FIRST-GOLD 6 (B,CD,F,G,S) (K Standen) J Wharton 7-8-8	K Darley	85
616	(16)	024221	KOMLUCKY 39 (V,D,F,G) (Hambleton Lodge Ltd) A Mulholland 4-8-7	L Newton (5)	91
617	(3)	050500	OUR SHADEE 2 (V,D,F,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 6-8-5	C Scally	95
618	(18)	4600-00	RAPIER POINT 2 (G) (B Howarth) C Murray 5-8-4	G Carter	87
619	(9)	0050	IN THE HIGHLANDS 116 (M Sharkey) D Cosgrove 3-8-1	F Norton	—
620	(6)	005-000	PUSEY STREET BOY 53 (D,F,G,S) (C Marks) J Bosley 9-7-11	R Ffrench (7)	85

BETTING: 6-1 Don Pepe, 7-1 Allinson's Mate, 8-1 Comanche Companion, 10-1 Bentico, 12-1 Absolute Magic, 14-1 Komlucky, 16-1 others.

1995: AHJAY 5-8-9 M Roberts (9-2) D Wilson 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEA DANZIG beat Amber Fort ¾l in an 18-runner handicap at Lingfield (7f, good). DON PEPE neck and ½l 3rd of 19 to Saddlehome in a handicap at Newcastle (6f, good to firm). ALLINSON'S MATE beat Statestack 1½l in a 20-runner handicap at Catterick (7f, good) with SHARP'N'SHANDY (8lb better off) 7¾l 5th, COMANCHE COMPANION (12lb better off) short-head 6th and STATISTICIAN (5lb better off) 6½l 13th. BENTICO 3l 2nd of 20 to Present Situation in a rating related stakes at Leicester (1m, good to firm). KOMLUCKY beat Regal Fanfare head in an 18-runner handicap at Catterick (7f, good to firm).
Selection: DON PEPE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	3	5	60.0	O Urbina	4	13	30.8
B Hills	13	46	28.3	Pat Eddery	17	74	23.0
H Cecil	25	98	25.5	K Darley	13	57	22.8
M Johnston	8	33	24.2	R Hills	36	166	21.7
J Gosden	22	100	22.0	R Hughes	6	30	20.0
D Loder	11	50	22.0	L Dettori	29	147	19.7

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good

1.00 (5f 218yd) 1, Triple Hay (Dane O'Neill, 1-2 fav); 2, Canton Ron (10-1); 3, Always Alight (33-1). 10 ran. NR: Mon Bruce, V I P Charlie. 13l, 1¼l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.50, £39.10. DF: £4.20. Trio: £39.90. CSF: £9.02.

1.30 (1m 8yd) 1, Musalsal (M Hills, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Kyle Rhea (7-2); 3, Leading Note (9-1). Galibis 3-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. NR: Dunston Gold. 2½l, 1l. B Hills. Tote: £3.70; £2.40, £2.30, £3.10. DF: £5.00. Trio: £21.40. CSF: £15.76.

2.00 (1m 8yd) 1, Power Game (M Hills, 5-1); 2, Yeoman Oliver (9-2); 3, Giddy (50-1). Alakhluki 7-2 jt-fav. 19 ran. NR: Fair Lady. ½l, nk. J Berry. Tote: £6.00; £2.20, £2.30, £24.10. DF: £12.90. Trio: £241.20. CSF: £29.26.

2.30 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, Prospero (J Reid, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Full Throttle (4-1); 3, Ceilidh Star (7-2). Laazim Afooz 3-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. 5l, ½l. G Harwood. Tote: £3.20; £1.20, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £6.40. CSF: £14.23.

3.00 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Fairy Knight (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2, Renown (14-1); 3, Rex Mundi (14-1); 4, Double Rush (6-1). 18 ran. NR: Premier League. 1¾l, ½l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.30; £1.20, £3.60, £3.40, £2.50. DF: £32.90. Trio: £415.30. CSF: £42.88. Tricast: £427.37.

3.35 (1m 8yd) 1, Pomona (Pat Eddery, 7-2 fav); 2, Duello (14-1); 3, Missile Toe (12-1); 4, Fionn De Cool (7-1). 19 ran. NR: Zaiko. Sh hd, 2½l. P Makin. Tote: £6.40; £3.40, £3.20, £4.60, £1.60. DF: £82.90. Trio: £538.20. CSF: £61.13. Tricast: £553.03.

4.10 (5f 218yd) 1, Refuse To Lose (J Carroll, 11-10 fav); 2, Mr Paradise (20-1); 3, Fearless Cavalier (20-1). 12 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. J Eustace. Tote: £2.00; £1.90, £1.10, £3.20. DF: £171.20. Trio: £144.70. CSF: £26.30.

Jackpot: £2,829.60.

Placepot: £34.50. Quadpot: £15.10.

Redcar

Going: good to firm

1.05 (6f) 1, Style Dancer (K Fallon, 6-1); 2, Mike's Double (3-1 fav); 3, William's Well (11-2). 11 ran. 1½l, ½l. R Whitaker. Tote: £7.90; £2.10, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £8.00. Trio: £109.40. CSF: £25.26. Tricast: £100.68.

1.35 (1m 3f) 1, Once More For Luck (A Culhane, 5-4 fav); 2, Lola (7-4); 3, McGillycuddy Reeks (7-1). 10 ran. NR: Etoile Du Nord, Lady Ploy. Nk, 3½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.40; £2.10, £1.00, £2.50. DF: £1.50. Trio: £1.80. CSF: £4.35.

2.10 (1m 2f) 1, South Sea Bubble (K Darley, 5-2 fav); 2, Kalou (14-1); 3, Master Millfield (11-1). 11 ran. NR: Rumpelstiltskin. 2½l, ½l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.30; £2.60, £3.70, £6.60. DF: £63.80. Trio: £167.80. CSF: £37.47.

2.40 (1m) 1, Thatched (K Sked, 8-1); 2, Cee-Jay-Ay (5-1); 3, Dispol Gem (10-1); 4, Pc's Cruiser (12-1). Shadow Casting 4-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Northern Fan. Hd, 1l. R Barr. Tote: £7.70; £1.70, £1.70, £3.00, £3.10. DF: £22.50. Trio: £126.40. CSF: £50.46. Tricast: £408.06.

3.10 (5f) 1, Morning Star (J Weaver, 5-2 fav); 2, The Wyandotte Inn (10-1); 3, Enchantica (3-1). 9 ran. NR: Archello. 1¾l, ½l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £3.70, £1.20. DF: £56.20. Trio: £50.30. CSF: £27.93.

3.45 (7f) 1, Squeak (G Hind, 11-8); 2, Cybertechnology (6-5 fav); 3, Kadeena (9-2). 4 ran. 2l, 1¾l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.20. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.44.

4.15 (7f) 1, Pharmacy (M Birch, 9-1); 2, Best Of All (7-1); 3, Quilling (8-1); 4, Saint Express (20-1). Divine Quest 2-1 fav. 18 ran. Hd, 1l. J Watts. Tote: £10.40; £7.20, £2.60, £2.00, £6.00. DF: £63.90. Trio: £190.30. CSF: £82.89. Tricast: £535.98.

Placepot: £95.70. Quadpot: £37.60.

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm, firm in places

1.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Herbert Lodge (C O'Dwyer, 11-8 fav); 2, Charlie Parrot (10-1); 3, Samba Sharply (11-2). 9 ran. 1½l, 8l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £13.80. Trio: £12.90. CSF: £15.66.

2.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Mister Rm (D Walsh, Evens fav); 2, Frontier Flight (7-1); 3, Kalzen (7-1). 5 ran. 4l, 3l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £4.40. CSF: £7.50.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Strong Promise (K Gaule, 4-6 fav); 2, Pongo Waring (11-8). 3 ran. 11l. G Hubbard. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.92.

3.25 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Hunters Rock (C O'Dwyer, 10-11 fav); 2, Tipping The Line (11-8); 3, Scamallach (8-1). 5 ran. 10l, dist. K Bailey. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.57.

4.00 (3m 1f ch) 1, Coome Hill (Mr T Dennis, 11-8 fav); 2, Andrelot (9-4); 3, Childhay Chocolate (3-1). 6 ran. 7l, 15l. W Dennis. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.83.

4.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Doctor Green (A P McCoy, 2-5 fav); 2, Ben Bowden (8-1); 3, Yezza (7-1). 8 ran. 11l, 15l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.53.

Placepot: £5.40. Quadpot: £2.80.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

1.30 Sleeptite. 2.05 Wilkins. 2.40 Kalasadi. 3.15 Manor Mieo. 3.50 Durrington. 4.20 Copper Coil.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.30 FONTWELL PARK ANNUAL MEMBERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,010: 2m 2f 110yd) (11 runners)

1	3/1	SLEEPTITE 8 (F) W G M Turner 6-12-3 (7ex)	J Power (7)
2	0/0	CAVO GRECO 112 (F,G) J Joseph 7-11-2	D Skyrme
3	-244	ANTIGUAN FLYER 44 (G) G Prodromou 7-11-0	R Johnson
4	40P-	BURLINGTON SAM 261 A Hobbs 8-10-13	Mr G Shenkin (7)
5	0446	MILZIG 44 (F,G) J Joseph 7-10-12	C Llewellyn
6	/05	SHARP THRILL 13 B Smart 5-10-10	J Osborne
7	00P-	DAMCADA 217 (S) A Carroll 8-10-10	B Powell
8	P0-0	DOC'S COAT 18 (F,G,S) C Wildman 11-10-8	M A Fitzgerald
9	60F-	RUTH'S GAMBLE 121F (V,D,G) Mrs L Jewell 8-10-6	Sophie Mitchell (5)
10	-232	CREDIT CONTROLLER 8 J Ffitch-Heyes 7-10-3	B Fenton
11	F030	RAGTIME SONG 8 (B) J Jenkins 7-10-0	N T Egan (7)

5-4 Sleeptite, 7-1 Credit Controller, 10-1 Antiguan Flyer, Burlington Sam, Milzig, Sharp Thrill, Doc's Coat, 14-1 others

2.05 DEREK WIGAN MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,036: 2m 2f) (12)

1	3P23	RYTON RUN 12 (F,G) Mrs S Odell 11-12-0	B Fenton
2	F42-	SUGAR HILL 289 J Gifford 6-11-13	P Hide
3	56-2	THE LANCER 16 D Gandolfo 7-11-12	D Fortt (3)
4	54-P	KING'S GOLD 16 Mrs L Richards 6-11-8	M Richards
5	02-3	WILKINS 16 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 7-11-5	P Holley
6	43-4	NIGHT IN A MILLION 24 S Woodman 5-10-10	R Johnson
7	55-R	TOP MISS 44 A Neaves 7-10-9	W Greatrex (7)
8	0/0	JACKSONS BAY 8 T Casey 6-10-9	G Hogan (3)
9	U00-	MASTER PANGLOSS 176 Andrew Turnell 6-10-6	C Rae (7)
10	/P4-	LETS GO NOW 375 Mrs L Jewell 6-10-4	D Leahy
11	33P-	PRECIOUS WONDER 223 P Butler 7-10-1	Mr R Thornton (7)
12	P34-	KENTAVRUS WAY 202 A Moore 5-10-0	B Powell

11-4 Sugar Hill, 100-30 The Lancer, 11-2 Wilkins, 7-1 King's Gold, 10-1 others.

2.40 STREBEL BOILERS AND RADIATORS HANDICAP HURDLE SERIES FINAL (£6,775: 2m 6f 110yd) (9)

1	82-5	KARAR 23 (CD,F,G,S) R Rowe 6-12-0	L Aspell (3)
2	2P-1	VICTOR BRAVO 23 (B,CD,F,G) N Gaselee 9-12-0	C Llewellyn
3	04-1	KALASADI 44 (CD,F) V Soane 5-11-11	M Richards
4	0P5-	MUNTAFI 60F (S) G Harwood 5-11-7	M A Fitzgerald
5	3-30	SCUD MISSILE 23 (F,G) G Johnson Houghton 5-11-5	I Lawrence
6	1P-2	SOPHIE MAY 23 (C,F,S) G L Moore 5-11-1	J Osborne
7	5233	MR SNAGGLE 23 (G,S) S Earle 7-10-13	C Maude
8	464-	OLD ARCHIVES 225 (F) L Wells 7-10-11	P Hide
9	-4U4	ROGER'S PAL 23 (G,S) A Moore 9-10-0	M Batchelor (7)

9-4 Victor Bravo, 7-2 Sophie May, 5-1 Mr Snaggle, Kalasadi, 6-1 Karar, 8-1 Muntafi, 12-1 others.

3.15 ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD NOVICES CHASE (£2,688: 3m 2f 110yd) (9)

1	11-3	MANOR MIEO 19 (F,G,S) G Prodromou 10-11-5	R Johnson
2	3610	SEASAMACAMILE 4 (CD,F,S) R Buckler 9-11-0	Mr R Thornton (7)
3	1F3-	GREY GORDEN 164P (G,S) R Curtis 8-10-12	D Morris
4	00-3	JOKER JACK 5 (F,S) R Dean 11-10-12	T Dascombe (3)
5	50-2	KEEP IT ZIPPED 16 (B,BF,F,S) O Sherwood 6-10-12	J Osborne
6	22-2	MOBILE MESSENGER 27 (S) T George 8-10-12	M A Fitzgerald
7	/2P-	PINOCCIO 153 (F) D O'Brien 9-10-12	B Fenton
8	44-P	CLONATTIN LADY 19 (B) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-7	D Leahy
9	PPP-	HERBIDACIOUS 321 M Roberts 6-10-7	B Powell

6-4 Keep It Zipped, 7-2 Mobile Messenger, 9-2 Manor Mieo, 5-1 Grey Gorden, 8-1 Seasamacamile, 10-1 Joker Jack, 20-1 others

3.50 FORD AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,786: 2m 3f) (7)

1	1136	RAMSTAR 11 (D,F,S) P Hobbs 8-12-0	S Mulcaire (7)
2	-1F2	HERBERT BUCHANAN 20 (CD,F,G) P Nicholls 6-11-9	J Tizzard (7)
3	1/5-	ROSE KING 183 (S) Miss S Edwards 9-11-2	DOUBTFUL
4	045-	DURRINGTON 243 (C,S) M Bolton 10-10-2	M Rimell (3)
5	033-	MASTER COMEDY 156 (B,C,F,S) Miss L Bower 12-10-0	R Wakley (7)
6	300-	FICHU 168 (F,S) Mrs L Richards 8-10-0	R Thornton (7)
7	4-PU	ENNISTYMON 23 J Mullins 5-10-0	G Weatherley (7)

4-5 Herbert Buchanan, 3-1 Ramstar, 7-1 Fichu, 8-1 Master Comedy, 12-1 Rose King, Durrington, 25-1 Ennistymon

4.20 MIDDLETON MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,595: 2m 6f 110yd) (15)

1	5P	ALLEZ PABLO 8 R Rowe 6-11-6	L Aspell (3)
2	-630	COOLEGALE 8 L Wells 10-11-6	D Slattery (7)
3	20-2	COPPER COIL 12 W G M Turner 6-11-6	J Power (7)
4	00-	CORE BUSINESS 218 Lady Herries 5-11-6	E Murphy
5	P20-	DREAM LEADER 200 M Roberts 6-11-6	J Railton
6	P	FASHION LEADER 18 C Weedon 5-11-6	M Richards
7		NODDADANTE N Mitchell 6-11-6	Mr N R Mitchell
8	0-	ONE MORE MAN 282 J Gifford 5-11-6	P Hide
9	PF-6	RAVUS 23 K Vincent 6-11-6	G Crone
10	4PP-	SOLAR WARRIOR 156 (B) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-11-6	B Fenton
11	30-	SPRING GALE 179 O Sherwood 5-11-6	J Osborne
12	0-52	LAWBUSTER 44 (B) Mrs R Henderson 4-11-5	D Salter (5)
13	233-	SNOWY PETREL 153 K Bailey 4-11-5	C Llewellyn
14		HUMMINGBIRDPRINCESS 1009F J Sheehan 5-11-1	A Dicken
15	0-	TRACEY TROOPER 282 A Hobbs 5-11-1	B Powell

3-1 Copper Coil, 7-2 Snowy Petrel, 5-1 Spring Gale, 6-1 One More Man, 7-1 Core Business, 14-1 Dream Leader, Lawbuster, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Nicholls, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%; G Harwood, 11 from 38, 28.9%; K Bailey, 8 from 30, 26.7%; M Bolton, 3 from 12, 25.0%; P Hobbs, 12 from 49, 24.5%; R Buckler, 9 from 41, 22.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 13 winners from 43 rides, 30.2%; P Hide, 20 from 80, 25.0%; C Maude, 5 from 22, 22.7%; E Murphy, 9 from 46, 19.6%; Sophie Mitchell, 3 from 17, 17.6%; D Morris, 14 from 82, 17.1%.

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER

1.10 Kailash. 1.40 Celibate. 2.15 Courbaril. 2.50 Mony-Skip. 3.25 Canton Venture. 4.00 Wise Approach. 4.30 Tidal Force.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.10 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,787: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1	1111	KAILASH 16 (F,G) M Pipe 5-11-6	A P McCoy	[illegible]
2	R0P-	CHAN THE MAN 281 N Walker 5-11-0	Guy Lewis (3)	—
3	FP4-	SHANNON LAD 180 A Carroll 6-11-0	R Dunwoody	84
4	6-06	ALL SEWN UP 19 R Baker 4-10-13	L Harvey	—
5	0-00	BARTON BLADE 6 Miss H Knight 4-10-13	J F Titley	—
6	0/F-	DESIGN 385 (G) J O'Shea 6-10-9	Michael Brennan (5)	—

2-9 Kailash, 10-1 Design, 12-1 Shannon Lad, 16-1 Barton Blade, 20-1 others

1.40 LLOYDS BOWMAKER NOVICES CHASE (£3,701: 2m) (4)

1	-211	CELIBATE 24 (D,F,G,S) C Mann 5-11-11	R Dunwoody	98
2	2-11	JATHIB 19 (F,G) Mrs M Jones 5-11-11	D Byrne	[illegible]
3	-462	LOWAWATHA 19 (D,F) Mrs E Heath 8-11-6	A Thornton	90
4	34P-	CHEEKA 204 C Smith 7-11-0	M Ranger	—

4-5 Jathib, 6-4 Celibate, 7-1 Lowawatha, 25-1 Cheeka

2.15 TIM EMANUEL HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,834: 2m 5f) (5)

1	1P1-	BLAZE AWAY 11F (F,G) I Balding 5-11-10	G Bradley	[illegible]
2	FFR-	PEATSWOOD 259 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 8-11-8	A Thornton	—
3	255-	TUG OF PEACE 257 (F,G,S) G Balding 9-11-8	B Clifford	—
4	1-11	FREDDIE MUCK 27 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-7	D Walsh (5)	96
5	2111	COURBARIL 14 (F,G) M Pipe 4-11-2	A P McCoy	97

13-8 Blaze Away, 15-8 Courbaril, 100-30 Freddie Muck, 12-1 Tug Of Peace, 14-1 Peatswood

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: I Balding, 4 winners from 17 runners, 23.5%; K Bailey, 16 from 80, 20.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 30 from 203, 14.8%; J Edwards, 3 from 22, 13.6%; R Dickin, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

JOCKEYS: A McCoy, 11 winners from 55 rides, 20.0%; R Dunwoody, 36 from 189, 19.0%; W Marston, 14 from 90, 15.6%; A Maguire, 23 from 150, 15.3%; C Llewellyn, 12 from 113, 10.6%

2.50 JEWSON NOVICES CHASE (£3,760: 3m 1f) (6)

1	21-1	MONY-SKIP 14 (D,F) Mrs S Smith 7-11-12	R Guest	[illegible]
2	4-U1	CAPO CASTANUM 8 (D,F) Miss H Knight 7-11-6	T J Murphy	92
3		INCH EMPEROR A Carroll 6-11-0	W Marston	—
4	/PP	VARECK II 7 (S) M Pipe 9-11-0	B Moore (7)	—
5	/P	KINDLY LADY 16 (F) Mrs S Williams 8-10-9	G Upton	—
6	40-0	LA MEZERAY 16 (F,G,S) Mrs J Hawkins 9-10-9	O Walsh (3)	67

4-5 Mony-Skip, 11-4 Capo Castanum, 8-1 Vareck II, 10-1 Inch Emperor, Kindly Lady, 14-1 La Mezeray

3.25 NEVILLE RUSSELL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,866: 2m 5f) (5)

1	56-5	IRISH WILDCARD 132 H Oliver 8-11-0	Jacqui Oliver	73
2	23	CANTON VENTURE 18 (BF) S Woods 4-10-13	A Maguire	[illegible]
3		PEATSVILLE 508F M Channon 4-10-13	A Thornton	—
4	0-PF	AUNTIE LORNA 8 N Pomfret 7-10-9	Mr A Sansome	—
5		FILCH 1178F P Murphy 5-10-9	W McFarland	—

7-4 Canton Venture, 3-1 Filch, 7-2 Irish Wildcard, 5-1 Auntie Lorna, Peatsville

4.00 STUDD CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,395: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	2412	WISE APPROACH 18 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-12-0	C O'Dwyer	97
2	-344	WHO'S TO SAY 23 (F,G,S) Miss V Williams 10-11-2	Michael Brennan (5)	94
3	60-3	DE JORDAAN 14 (C,F,G) W Cunningham 9-10-13	A Maguire	94
4	23-1	PHILIP'S WOODY 18 (D,F,G,S) N Henderson 8-10-13	J R Kavanagh	[illegible]
5	2344	CHANNEL PASTIME 18 (D) D Burchell 12-10-0	Guy Lewis (3)	87

5-4 Philip's Woody, 6-4 Wise Approach, 7-1 De Jordaan, 8-1 Who's To Say, 12-1 Channel Pastime

4.30 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,604: 2m 110yd) (8)

1		COUNTRYMAN J Edwards 5-11-4	Mr B Pollock (7)	—
2	R-0	DERRING KNIGHT 6 (V) N Pomfret 6-11-4	Mr A Sansome	—
3	530-	LUMO 161 R Bridgwater 5-11-4	R Massey (3)	—
4		STICKWITHTHEHAND Mrs J Sidebottom 5-11-4	Mr J Jukes	—
5		TIDAL FORCE P Hobbs 5-11-4	D J Kavanagh (5)	—
6		BURFORDS FOR SCRAP R Dickin 4-11-3	X Aizpuru (7)	—
7		WILLOWS ROULETTE A Hobbs 4-11-3	O Burrows (7)	—
8	50	LADY FOLEY 18 (B) C Mann 4-10-12	J Magee (3)	—

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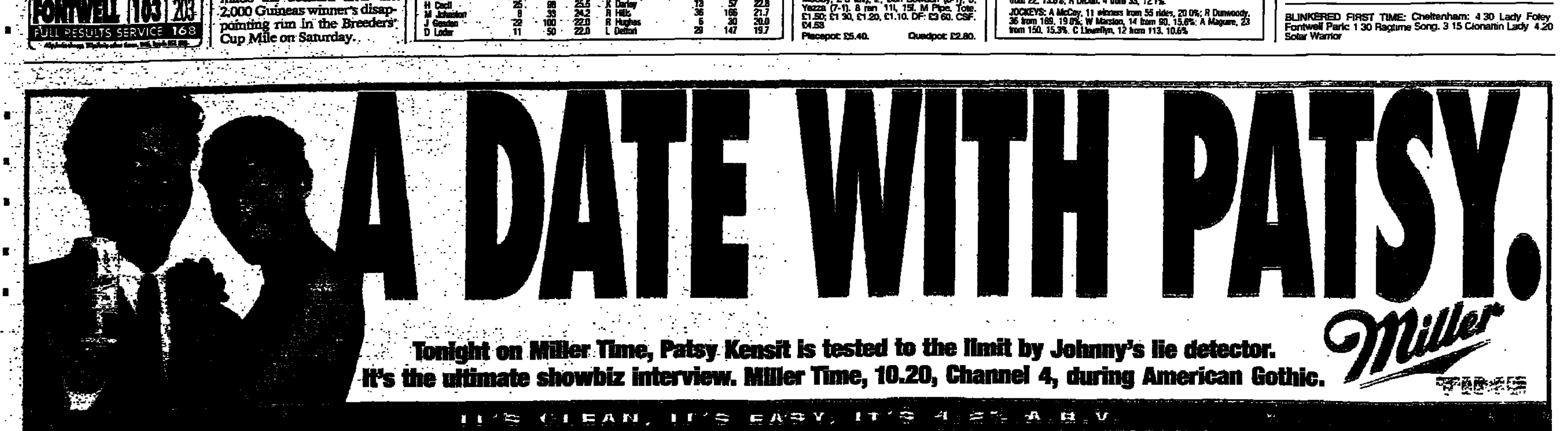

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FOOTBALL

Aston Villa must wait for police action on Bosnich

By Russell Kempson and Richard Hobson

MARK BOSNICH, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, will have to wait until next month to discover whether he will be charged by police after an incident in the game against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on October 12. Bosnich made a Hitler-style salute to Tottenham supporters, an intended joke that he admitted later had backfired badly.

Bosnich, who is not able to play for a month after undergoing surgery on his injured left knee, was subsequently interviewed by police under caution. "All the findings will be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service," a police spokesman said yesterday. Its decision is not expected until mid-November.

Villa will move closer to replacing Savo Milosevic before the end of the week. The Yugoslavia striker flew to Italy yesterday and is on the verge of completing his £4.5 million transfer to Perugia. Brian Little, the Villa manager, intends to step up his pursuit of Pierre van Hooijdonk, the Celtic forward and Holland international, as he seeks to reinvest that money.

Van Hooijdonk's agent is in Britain, ostensibly to discuss Celtic's improved terms for the player, who has scored 50 goals in 78 appearances for the Glasgow club. However, he is also expected to meet Little before returning to Holland.

Little is a known admirer of Stan Collymore, who is unsettled at Liverpool, still lives in Cannock in the West Midlands and supported Villa as a child. Another alternative is Emile Heskey, the Leicester City striker, 18, whose transfer would surely beat the previous most expensive between British clubs for a teenager — the £2.6 million Leeds United paid Charlton Athletic for Lee Bowyer. However, Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager has pledged to keep his best players, including Heskey.

Irving Scholar, the former Tottenham Hotspur chairman, has helped to launch a £30 million takeover bid for Nottingham Forest, whose 1-0 home defeat by Everton on Monday left the club languishing third from bottom of the FA Carling Premiership. Scholar is joined in a three-man consortium by Lawrie Lewis, a multi-millionaire based in Monte Carlo, and Phil Soar, a football author and lifelong Forest supporter.

Bosnich: gesture

They have met the club's board of directors, who will report to the annual meeting tomorrow night, when the shareholders are expected to vote to call a special meeting for the end of November, which would then approve changes to the constitution to allow a takeover.

The consortium says it will inject £10 million immediately and raise the remaining £20 million through a stock exchange flotation next February. It will offer £12,000 to each of the 209 shareholders who hold an equal £1 stake in the club. Scholar and Lewis would join the existing seven-man board as directors, while Soar would become managing director. There have been three other offers to take over Forest.

Frustrated supporters of Brighton and Hove Albion, the struggling Nationwide League third division club, have voted to boycott the next home game, against Mansfield Town on November 9. The boycott was proposed by Dick Knight, the leader of the consortium that is trying to take over Brighton by ousting Bill Archer, the beleagured chairman.

"We may have to be cruel to be kind," Knight said. "It is one of the few routes we have. It can help to show Archer that he is not wanted by the supporters."

Brighton still have nowhere to play next season, when their lease of the Goldstone Ground expires, although it is believed they are close to agreeing a ground-share agreement with Gillingham.

Derby County have released Paul Parker, the former England defender who has been on month-to-month terms since August.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL SECOND-HALF REVIVAL FALLS JUST SHORT FOR MINNESOTA

Salaam, the Chicago running back, makes a 13-yard gain in the first quarter of the victory over Minnesota

Bears send Vikings to another defeat

By Our Sports Staff

A TOUCHDOWN in the second quarter by Rashaan Salaam helped Chicago Bears to beat Minnesota Vikings 15-13 in Minneapolis on Monday night.

The Bears trailed 3-2 after the opening quarter but scored 13 consecutive points in the second period. Salaam's one-yard scoring run, which capped a seven-play, 58-yard drive, was sandwiched between field goals of 41 and 44 yards from Jeff Jaeger, the second of which was set up by Mark Carrier's interception of a Warren Moon pass.

The Vikings scored the only points of the second half in the third quarter, as Qadry Ismail completed a 54-yard touchdown to make it 15-10. Scott Sisson added a 43-yard field goal to close the gap to 15-13.

Dave Krieg completed 23 of 35 passes for 187 yards with two interceptions for Chicago. Moon managed 15 of 26 for 218 yards before leaving the field with a sprained ankle in the third quarter.

The Chicago special team had put the first points on the board through a safety, when Kevin Minniefield blocked a punt from Mitch Berger. They were in action again in the fourth quarter, when Sean Harris blocked a field goal attempt that would have put the Vikings ahead.

Brian Cox, the Chicago linebacker, stripped Brad Johnson, the replacement quarterback for Minnesota, in the closing minutes and recovered the fumble himself to seal the win for the Bears. The result meant a third defeat in four games for the Vikings and a record of 5-3, two games behind Green Bay Packers, who lead the NFC central division.

Players call off strike over television money

By Russell Kempson

THE long-running dispute between the Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) appears to have been settled, averting a possible strike by Nationwide League players. It is believed that the PFA has accepted a deal worth about £1.2 million to withdraw the threat of industrial action.

A meeting of the 72 League clubs in London on November 14 is expected to confirm the settlement, which was negotiated a week ago. The PFA pulled back from the brink of announcing the result of a ballot among its members, believed to be overwhelmingly in favour of a strike, to take part in last-minute discussions with the League.

"We had to compromise and so did they," a League spokesman said yesterday. "The agreement is only provisional and we will be seeking the opinions of the clubs on the new offer, but it is likely that they will ratify it."

The dispute involved the amount of money received by the PFA from the League's television revenue. Traditionally, it amounted to ten per cent, which gave the PFA £560,000 last year. However, the League changed its rules at its last annual meeting to make the payment discretionary.

That signalled a lengthy, often bitter, disagreement between the sides, particularly in light of the League's new £125 million five-year deal with BSkyB. The PFA wanted the ten per cent figure reinstated, but the League refused, claiming that any industrial action would be illegal.

The PFA was due to announce the result of its ballot on October 19, which could have led to Nationwide League players withdrawing their services if the television cameras were not turned off. However, after eleventh-hour discussions last week, a compromise was struck. Though the PFA has not succeeded in its efforts to have the ten per cent restored, which would have given it £2.5 million, they have agreed to a £1.2 million package that more than doubles their previous share of the League's television income.

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Norwich aim to strengthen position

By Russell Kempson

FOUR months ago, Mike Walker donned his shining armour, saddled up his white charger and rode back to Norfolk to rescue Norwich City. The club had declined since his hasty departure 2½ years earlier and was in desperate need of assistance. Walker has duly obliged.

Norwich lie second in the Nationwide League first division and, this evening, have the chance to press their claims further for a return to the FA Carling Premiership when they play Sheffield United at Carrow Road.

"People have labelled me a hero and the Messiah, which I think is a bit strong," Walker said. "We've turned things round pretty quickly, I think that's fairly obvious, but there's a long way to go yet. We haven't really achieved anything yet."

Norwich's new-found enthusiasm was illustrated in their 3-2 victory at Birmingham City on Saturday. "The adrenalin is flowing and the games can't come soon enough for us," Rob Newman, the Norwich defender, said.

"Sheffield are a big, awkward side, a bit like Birmingham, but if we can match them physically in the first 20 minutes, our passing game will then hopefully shine through."

Queens Park Rangers have also made progress, after an initially stuttering start to Stewart Houston's managerial career. They drew 1-1 at Sheffield United on Saturday and, tonight, play Ipswich Town at Loftus Road. "It's about time we started producing our away form at home," Simon Barker, the QPR midfield player, said.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have found similar problems on home soil, having suffered four successive defeats at Molineux. They attempt to rectify matters when they meet Huddersfield Town.

□ Roy Keane, the Manchester United midfield player, is included in the Republic of Ireland squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Iceland at Lansdowne Road on November 10. He has missed the last nine internationals.

SQUAD: A Kelly (Sheffield United), S Given (Blackburn Rovers), D Irwin (Manchester United), P Babb (Liverpool), J Kenna (Blackburn Rovers), C Fleming (Middlesbrough), G Breen (Birmingham City), I Harte (Leeds United), K Cunningham (Wimbledon), S Staunton (Aston Villa), A Townsend (Aston Villa), R Keane (Manchester United), A McLoughlin (Portsmouth), J McAteer (Liverpool), L O'Brien (Tranmere), K O'Neill (Norwich City), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers), A Cascarino (Marseille), A Moore (Middlesbrough), D Kelly (Sunderland).

EQUESTRIANISM: UNEXPECTED PROMOTION FOR HAMPSHIRE FARMER

Rowsell chosen to succeed Parker

By Jenny MacArthur

THE British Horse Trials Group surprisingly appointed Giles Rowsell, a former *chef d'équipe* of the British Young Riders Team, as chairman of the senior three-day event selection committee yesterday. Rowsell, a Hampshire farmer, and director of the Windsor Horse Trials, succeeds the popular Bridget Parker, who had been expected to serve another four years.

Rowsell himself had expected to take over from Christopher Schofield as manager of the Young Riders Team, but was rerouted to the senior team after what Timothy Taylor, the director of the horse trials, described as "a flurry of last-minute discussions".

Rowsell will also act as chairman of a new international committee that has been set up to help the development and training of British riders at international level.

The first task of this committee, which includes the chairman of the Pony, Junior, and Young Rider Teams, as well as Malcolm Wallace, a former senior *chef d'équipe*, is to appoint an international manager. With Mark Phillips, the obvious candidate, now resolved to stay with the United States team, Rowsell concedes that this position may be difficult to fill.

"We are not going to hurry into making the appointment," he said yesterday at the Horse Trials Group's annual conference at Lord's. "We may even decide against it if no one suitable can be found."

The Horse Trials Group (HTG) itself is nearing the completion of its own lengthy restructuring, which will see it formally split from the British Horse Society from January 1, 1997.

In what John Tulloch, the outgoing chairman, describes as "the biggest change in the management of our sport since its conception in this country nearly 50 years ago," the HTG will set up on its own as the British Horse Trials Association (BHTA) under the chairmanship of Michael Allen.

Tulloch becomes president of the newly-constituted British Equestrian Federation.

Although the BHTA will have to leave behind its reserves of nearly £900,000 with the BHS — an organisation that has charitable status — Tulloch is confident that it will become self-financing.

"We will start with nothing but subscriptions, and horse registration fees all come in early in the year, and Badminton, in May, should boost resources," he said. Traditionally, Badminton gives more than £100,000 from its profits to the sport.

SWIMMING: OFFICIAL DISPELS WORRIES ABOUT NEW DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIALS

Sparkes gives Peyrebrune his backing

By Craig Lord

THE Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) yesterday defended the appointment of Michael Peyrebrune, a former Scotland international and record-holder, as its director of swimming.

Members of the British Swimming Coaches Association privately expressed concern about Peyrebrune's age, 32, and his lack of experience, both in terms of administration and coaching at international level. Some suggested that applications for the job had not been as strong as had been hoped.

However, David Sparkes, the chief executive of the ASA, said that there had been 14 "strong" applicants, some from abroad, and that while "some senior people" who had been expected to apply had not done so, "this is a young man's job and I was very impressed with Mike. He's a strong lad. This is not a coaching job."

In terms of experience, Peyrebrune's appointment contrasts with that of Di Bishop, née Wilkinson, 52, a former European championship silver medal-winner, as director of development, a new post.

Her arrival completes the new team under Deryk Snelling, 64, the first national performance director for Britain, a position that came about as a result of Britain's poor showing at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992.

In characteristically confident style, Sparkes said that swimming now had "the strongest governing body in British sport". He added: "If we can't move forward now, and with Lottery funding kicking in, you can all come back and take a serious pot-shot at me."

He confirmed that the job specification for the director had changed since the departure of Paul Bush — who was also in his early thirties when he assumed the role and has now taken up a post with the Sports Council — to take account of Snelling's arrival.

Peyrebrune's competitive career ended less than five years ago and for the past three years he has headed the swimming programme at Loughborough University.

His efforts have never produced a national team member, senior nor junior, but Sparkes believes Peyrebrune's strengths lie beyond coaching. He is a graduate in the field of sports science, which Sparkes welcomed, given that, "by his own admission, Deryk is not a sports scientist".

SQUASH

Jackman soars to upper echelon

CASSANDRA JACKMAN has confirmed her breakthrough to the upper echelon of the international game with a 10-8, 9-6, 9-2 victory over the experienced Liz Irving, of Australia, in the final of the Carol Weymuller women's open championship in New York (Colin McQuillan writes).

Jackman, 23, the former world junior champion who has hovered near the top of the women's senior game for nearly five years without penetrating the control of New Zealand and Australian players, won the Weymuller memorial event at the Heights Casino Club in Brooklyn, against world-class opposition. In the semi-finals, she defeated the world No 1, Michelle Martin, for the second time in eight days.

"This confirms Cassie's progress into the small dominant player group," David Pearson, the England national coach, said. He has worked with Jackman over the past nine months to improve her court movement and some aspects of her racket technique.

Jackman: new edge

"She defeated both Liz and Michelle in the world championships in Malaysia earlier this month and to put them both down again in such different playing conditions shows a new psychological edge as well as physical improvement."

Despite regularly reaching quarter and semi-finals in senior tournaments since she won the junior title in Bergen, Norway, in 1991, Jackman had won only six titles before this win. All of those were against low-ranked, mainly British, fields.

In the final of the men's Tournament of Champions at the Heights Casino, Jonathan Power, of Canada, beat Craig Rowland, of Australia, 15-4, 9-15, 15-10, 16-17, 15-9.

BASKETBALL

England wait for Dunkley

THE unexpected absence of Spencer Dunkley threatens England's chances of fielding their strongest ever squad for the European championship tie against Latvia at Leicester tonight (Nicholas Harling writes).

The 6ft 9in forward, who plays for Limoges, in France, assured the national coach, Laszlo Nemeth, last week of his availability, but he had still not appeared when England began the final day of training for the crucial group B fixture. He is believed to have flown to the United States at the weekend to visit his girlfriend, who is ill.

"I haven't a clue if he is coming," Nemeth said. "I've done everything humanly possible to make sure that everyone would be here."

England have missed Dunkley ever since he gained the last of his 11 caps in Birmingham 16 months ago, when he was the outstanding member of the squad that progressed from the European qualification round.

The compensation for Nemeth is that all the other foreign-based players have joined the squad. Depending on whether Dunkley arrives, Nemeth will not decide until shortly before tip-off which two players to exclude from his squad.

ENGLAND (from): J Amaechi (Panathinaikos, Gr), S Bucknall (Iraklis, Gr), S Dunkley (Limoges, Fr), D Harriman (Trieste, It), I Whyte (Besancon, Fr), N Austin, K Brown (both London Towers), R Baker (Leopards), R Huggins, I McKinney, J Swaine (all Sheffield Sharks), P Scantlebury (Capt; Thames Valley Tigers).

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RUGBY UNION

Wasps demand points after postponement

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

WASPS are seeking two points after the postponement of their Courage Clubs Championship game against West Hartlepool, which was scheduled to be played at Sudbury tonight. West say they cannot field the necessary five experienced front-row players, including replacements, because of injuries and Donald Kerr, the chairman of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc), yesterday granted their request for a postponement.

Geoff Huckstep, the Wasps chairman, said: "We wanted the game played, so we want to be awarded the two points now and we have written to Epruc saying so. We don't want to rearrange the fixture. We want West to forfeit the points. We are not interested in the points-difference issue."

Wayne de Jonge and Paul Beal, the West props, are suspended. Andrew Peacock, the hooker, has neck and eye problems and the front-row deputies, Paul Whitelock and Stuart Whitehead, are also non-starters through injury.

Harlequins, whose unbeaten record was ended by Brive in the Heineken Cup on Sunday, give their pack the chance to bounce back by fielding the same forwards against Sale in the league match at Brooklands tonight. Behind them, Will Carling resumes at stand-off half in a new partnership with Nick Walshe.

At least Carling should not be saddled with the goal-kicking duties, too. Michael Corcoran, the leading points scorer of last season, plays on the wing in what should be the stiffest league test Harlequins have faced since their five-point defeat of Northampton a month ago.

Jamie Williams reverts to full back, which is where he finished the match with Brive after injuries had forced Jim Staples and Steve Pilgrim out of the game.

Dewi Morris, the former England scrum half, is available for Sale after damaging ribs against Bristol a month ago. He hopes to be partnering the New Zealander, Simon Mannix, who bruised a shoulder in the European Conference game with Agen at the weekend, but Sale's other New Zealander, the player-coach, John Mitchell, has a groin strain and his place in the back row goes to Dave Erskine.

Leicester, victorious in Pau, recall Rory Underwood against London Irish at Welford Road in order to rest Steve Hackney, who has appeared in 25 successive first-team games.

There is a rare outing for Graham Rowntree on the tight-head side of the scrum. The England loose-head prop switches sides so that Darren Garforth can be rested. Will Johnson, younger brother of the England lock, Martin, plays at blind-side flanker rather than No 8, where his senior opportunities have usually occurred.

Leicester's final pool match in the Heineken Cup is against Llanelli on Saturday and the Welsh club is optimistic that Ieuan Evans and Nigel Davies, injured playing for Wales against France last month, will return. Wayne Proctor has recovered from concussion suffered against Italy earlier this month and a decision on his international colleagues will be made tomorrow.

Australia hoping to build for the future

THAT the Australians, with their vibrant, positive approach to the game, are touring once more in Britain is a cause for pleasure (David Hands writes). Whether we can expect quite as much of them this year, however, as we have come to expect in the past decade remains open to doubt as they start the Scottish leg of their visit in Galashiels, against Scotland A, this afternoon.

It is a side in the throes of change, as Greg Smith, their coach, stressed yesterday. There is a new management team and new players, most of them new to the ways of rugby in Britain. Not all, of course, since David Campese and David Knox are the two older heads and there is little in the world of touring that Tim Horan and Jason Little have not seen.

"We are starting out again as an international team," Smith said. "We haven't played any real rugby since the match with South Africa in Bloemfontein in August so it's important for us to get back together as quickly as possible." The lure of international places looms large, particularly in the tight where John Eales hopes to assemble an effective unit around him.

Having beaten Italy 40-18 last week, Australia meet Scotland — whose team will be named on Friday — on November 9, Ireland on November 23 and Wales on December 1. They are still seething at being denied a grand-slam game with England, though, if Campese is to be believed, England are no longer a significant force in the world.

Six of Scotland's touring party to New Zealand emerge in A colours, among them the lock, Scott Murray, who has made such a strong impression at Bedford.

SCOTLAND A: S Lang (Heriot's FP); A Stanger (Hawick), M Craig (Nottingham), R Eriksson (London Scottish), J Kerr (Watsonians); D Hodge (Watsonians), G Burns (Watsonians); T Smith (Watsonians), G Ellis (Currie), S Ferguson (Peebles), P Walton (Newcastle), S Munro (GHK), S Murray (Bedford), C Hogg (Melrose, captain), M Wallace (GHK).
AUSTRALIANS: M Burke; T Horan, D Herbert, J Little, J Roff; P Howard, S Payne, A Heath, M Foley, A Blades, T Kefu, J Eales (captain), D Giffen, D Wilson, M Brial.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Doubt over Goulding puts Harris on standby

From Christopher Irvine in Christchurch

A COLLISION in training with Andrew Farrell, the Great Britain captain, has left Bobbie Goulding doubtful for the final match against New Zealand here on Friday. Iestyn Harris is standing by to take his place, even though he has never before started a game at scrum half.

The recurrence of Goulding's ankle injury, which means he is "50-50" to start the game at Lancaster Park, prompted the switch by Harris in training yesterday. Should Goulding not recover, Karle Hammond, his St Helens colleague, will take the vacancy left by Harris at stand-off half.

Goulding had three pain-killing injections in his ankle during Great Britain's second defeat in the three-match series at Palmerston North five days ago. Phil Larder, the Britain coach, will not announce his side until tomorrow because of the various injuries and the fact that he might have to recall Tulsen Tollett, who is on holiday in Sydney, as cover for Goulding.

Despite a lengthy casualty list, Farrell, who did not train yesterday, and Alan Hunte should be fit. They have suffered from hip and hamstring complaints respectively. However, Anthony Sullivan is causing the most concern. The left wing pulled up after a run with a problem in his lower back.

Larder said: "We're trying to turn the fact that we've been down and they've been lucky to win one Test and squeeze out another to our advantage — by taking the positives out of our performances."

The Great Britain Academy team won the third match of their tour, a 44-14 defeat of Canterbury Under-19s at Christchurch yesterday. Despite the fact that four players were sent to the sin bin, Damien Munro scored three of eight tries and Matthew Salter, a rugby union recruit from Blackheath who has made only nine appearances for London Broncos, added two further touchdowns.

LIONEL CIRONNEAU

Krajicek stretches for a backhand during his defeat by Berasategui yesterday

Krajicek shorn of menace

From Alix Ramsay in Paris

ON THE day when it was announced that the turf from Wimbledon's No 1 court was to have a new home at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, Richard Krajicek must have been wishing it could have been moved to Paris.

Nearly four months ago Krajicek was on top of the world, having won his first grand-slam title at Wimbledon. Finally, it seemed, the temperamental Dutchman had broken through. Since then it has all gone wrong. Krajicek has reached only one final and, more often than not, has been beaten in the early rounds by men ranked lower than himself. Yesterday, he stumbled out of the Paris Open in the second round, beaten 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 by Alberto Berasategui, of Spain.

Since Wimbledon, Krajicek has struggled with a knee injury, and while he has built up a good working relationship with his physiotherapists, his problems appear more mental than physical.

Yesterday, he skipped through the first set before falling apart in the second. He called for the trainer, complaining of breathing problems. A couple of tablets and a drink of water later and he was cruising through the third set, only to lose a 4-1 lead with a string of wayward shots. The match over, he stormed off, refusing to speak to anyone.

He said later that he felt too ill to serve as the match wore on — an interesting analysis in that he served 15 aces, three of them in the fifth game of the third set.

It was all a far cry from those heady days when he was king of Wimbledon, whose officials have abandoned plans for Christie's to auction the turf from the demolished No 1 court and instead sold it to Eastbourne council.

It will be used to resurface their No 1 court and should be ready for the pre-Wimbledon Direct Line women's tournament next season.

IN BRIEF

China take advantage of amateur whirlwind

PANG WEI GUO was the driving force behind a surprise 5-4 victory for China over Thailand on the opening day of the Castrol Honda snooker World Cup in Bangkok yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Pang, a bespectacled 24-year-old amateur from Peking, swept through his three frames, including a 78-2 success against James Wattana, while Tao Shan lost only once as China assumed the early leadership in a qualifying group that also includes England, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates.

Robby Foldvari, a former world professional billiards champion, also completed a clean sweep of three frames as Australia defeated Holland 6-3. "Playing one frame at a time, with all the stopping and starting involved, makes things very unpredictable," Foldvari said.

Peace hopes

Rugby union: What may be termed as the silent majority of leading English clubs will have the opportunity today, in Northampton, to force the basis of a peace formula between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc).

Club presidents and secretaries, as well as the chief executives who have been involved in the endless round of Epruc meetings, will be there and it is hoped that the full RFU negotiating team will attend.

Lehman's year

Golf: Victory in the Tour Championship in Tulsa meant that Tom Lehman, of the United States, the Open champion, finished top of the PGA Tour money-list for 1996 and also elevated him to second place in the Sony world rankings, behind Greg Norman, of Australia.

Natal link

Rugby union: Richmond, the second-division club, have been linked with the Natal players Steve Atherton and Cabous van der Westhuizen, it was reported yesterday.

CRICKET

England A wait on late fitness tests

ENGLAND A will wait on fitness tests for three players before making their selection for the opening match of their Australian tour against a New South Wales XI in Tamworth tomorrow.

Michael Vaughan, the Yorkshire opening batsman, is suffering with a back strain while Peter Such, the Essex off spinner, and Andrew Harris, the Derbyshire fast bowler, hit on the hand and foot respectively in practice yesterday, also face checks upon arrival.

Warwickshire are making enquiries about the chances of Brian Lara returning to Edgbaston as their overseas player for 1998. Dennis Amiss, the Warwickshire chief executive, said that the county had been in contact with Lara's agents in London. "The 1998 season is a long way off — and we certainly wouldn't want Brian back unless he was hungry to play county cricket again," Amiss said.

Andrew Caddick, the England fast bowler, has agreed a new five-year contract with Somerset. Caddick's existing deal had him tied to the county for another two years but, after speculation surrounding his future at Taunton, the agreement has been renegotiated.

Jonty Rhodes made a rapid half-century to help South Africa register their third consecutive victory over India in the triangular Titan Cup tournament, in Rajkot yesterday. Rhodes scored 54 from 77 balls as South Africa won by five wickets with ten balls to spare, chasing a low target of 186 to win.

South Africa — who have won 24 out of their 27 one-day matches this year — are assured of qualification for the final of the tournament on November 6, but the identity of their opponents will not be determined until the last game of the round-robin stage, when India meet Australia in Chandigarh on Sunday.

☐ Australia are considering asking India officials to drop Delhi as a venue for future tours after the Australian touring team complained about the high pollution levels in the city, it was reported yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Chicago 15 Minnesota 13

CRICKET

Titan Cup

India v South Africa

RAJKOT (India won toss): South Africa beat India by five wickets

INDIA

*S R Tendulkar lbw b Donald ... 28
N S Sidhu run out ... 2
J Srinath b Symcox ... 53
R S Dravid run out ... 21
M Azharuddin c Richardson b Boje ... 9
A Jadeja b Donald ... 26
†N R Mongia c and b Boje ... 3
S Joshi c Cullinan b Klusener ... 20
A R Kapoor lbw b Klusener ... 0
A Kumble b Donald ... 12
B K V Prasad not out ... 1
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 3) ... 10
Total (48.1 overs) ... 185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-48, 3-105, 4-111, 5-122, 6-128, 7-169, 8-170, 9-172.

Bowling: de Villiers 9-1-19-0; Klusener 9-0-54-2; Donald 9.1-1-31-3; Symcox 10-0-37-1; Boje 10-0-38-2; Cronje 1-0-2-0

SOUTH AFRICA

G Kirsten c Jadeja b Joshi ... 38
H H Gibbs c Tendulkar b Prasad ... 35
D J Cullinan c Kumble b Joshi ... 6
*W J Cronje run out ... 27
J N Rhodes c Jadeja b Prasad ... 54
N Boje not out ... 13
†D J Richardson not out ... 4
Extras (lb 7, w 3, nb 1) ... 11
Total (5 wkts, 48.4 overs) ... 188

P L Symcox, L Klusener, P S de Villiers and A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-72, 3-88, 4-151, 5-184

BOWLING: Srinath 8-0-26-0; Prasad 9-0-38-2; Kumble 9.4-1-40-0; Joshi 10-0-32-2; Kapoor 10-0-32-0; Tendulkar 2-0-13-0.

Man-of-the-match: J N Rhodes

Umpires: B S Rao (India) and V Chopra (India)

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
South Africa	5	5	0	0	10
India	5	1	3	1	3
Australia	4	0	3	1	1

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Second round, second leg: Spartak Moscow (Russ) 2 SV Hamburg (Ger) 2 (Hamburg win 5-2 on agg).

Monday's late results

FA Carling Premiership: Nottingham Forest 0 Everton 1.

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	11	7	3	1	22	8	24
Newcastle	11	8	0	3	20	12	24
Liverpool	10	7	2	1	20	8	23
Wimbledon	11	7	1	3	20	11	22
Man Utd	11	5	4	2	22	17	19
Chelsea	11	5	4	2	19	16	19

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round qualifying: Second replay: Postponed: Thame v Hendon

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Cup: Second round: Hyde United 3 Curzon Ashton 0.

DR MARTENS CUP: First round, second leg: Worcester City 3 Stourbridge 1 (agg 4-2).

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Ilford 3 East Ham United 0.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton 2 Backwell 0.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Woolwich Town 0 Cray Wanderers 2.

UEFA UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP: England 2 (Jelines 31, Parker 42) Czech Republic 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round qualifying: Postponed: Cirencester v Bristol.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Valladolid 0 Sevilla 1

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Newell's 2 Platense 2.

GOLF

TULSA, Oklahoma: Tour Championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 268: Tom Lehman 66, 67, 64, 71. 274: B Faxon 69, 72, 65, 68. 275: S Stricker 70, 68, 72, 65. 277: K Perry 73, 68, 70, 66. 278: F Couples 68, 73, 68, 69. 279: E Els (SA) 75, 70, 65, 69; J Leonard 73, 68, 68, 70; T Watson 70, 70, 69, 70. 280: J Sluman 71, 74, 67, 68; V Singh (Fiji) 66, 71, 69, 74. 281: J Cook 70, 73, 70, 68. 283: P Mickelson 67, 75, 68, 73. 284: D Love 72, 71, 71, 70. 285: F Funk 71, 73, 74, 67. 286: M Calcavecchia 69, 71, 73, 73; J Furyk 72, 71, 73, 70; D Duval 71, 71, 74, 70. 287: S Hoch 73, 73, 67, 74; M O'Meara 74, 71, 71, 71; S Jones 67, 73, 70, 77. 288: C Pavin 71, 73, 73, 71; T Woods 70, 78, 72, 68. 289: M Bradley 71, 73, 75, 70. 291: N Faldo (GB) 75, 72, 76, 68. 292: T Tolles 73, 77, 74, 68. 293: D Waldorf 74, 76, 72, 71. 295: M Brooks 73, 75, 73, 74; J Maggert 79, 75, 70, 71. Withdrawn: G Norman (Aus) 73, 72, 67.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Phoenix 5 Montreal 4; Colorado 1 Washington 0.

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: French Open: Doubles: Semi-finals: J Snow and J Males bt A Phillips and N Wood 6-4, 6-0; M Gooding and C Bray bt P Tabley and R Gunn 6-1, 6-0. Final: Gooding and Bray bt Snow and Male 6-1, 6-2.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Castrol-Honda World Cup: Group D: Australia bt Holland 6-3. Group C: Singapore bt Hong Kong 7-2

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Peterborough 28 Coventry 14 (abandoned after seven heats, rain and high winds. New date: October 30.) CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Exeter v Mildenhall (postponed, waterlogged track and high winds)

SQUASH

NEW YORK: Tournament of champions: Final: J Power (Can) bt C Rowland (Aus) 15-4, 9-15, 15-10, 16-17, 15-9. Carol Weymuller women's Open: Final: C Jackman (Eng) bt L Irving (Aus) 10-8, 9-6, 9-2.

TENNIS

PARIS: Men's tournament: First round: B Black (Zim) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; A Boetsch (Fr) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 7-5, 7-6; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt L Roux (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; C Moya (Sp) bt T Henman (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Stich (Ger) 6-2, 6-4; M Damm (Cz) bt G Raoux (Fr) 7-6, 6-2; F Wibier (Holl) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4. Second round: A Berasategui (Sp) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Courier (US) 6-4, 7-5.

MOSCOW: Women's tournament: First round: R Dragomir (Rom) bt H Nagyova (Slovakia) 6-1, 7-5; E Makarova (Russ) bt S Farina (It) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; B Schett (Austria) bt R Grande (It) 6-4, 6-4; A Kournikova (Russ) bt E Wagner (Ger) 6-0, 6-4; A Carlsson (Swe) bt G Leon (Sp) 6-4, 7-5; S Dopfer (Austria) bt P Sung-Hee (S Kor) 6-1, 6-4

CHICAGO: Women's tournament: First round: S de Ville (Bel) bt L Porun (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt Z Garrison-Jackson (US) 6-4, 6-4; M McGrath (US) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) 6-4, 6-3; P Suarez (Arg) bt L Horn (SA) 6-3, 2-6, 7-6; M Hingis (Switz) bt J Watanabe (US) 6-1, 6-1;

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup Champions' League

Group A
GC Zurich v Auxerre
Rangers v Ajax

Group B
Borussia Dortmund v Atlético Madrid
Widzew Lodz v Steaua Bucharest

Group C
Juventus v Rapid Vienna
Man Utd v Fenerbahçe

Group D
AC Milan v IFK Gothenburg
FC Porto v Rosenborg

Nationwide League

First division
Norwich v Sheff Utd (7.45)
QPR v Ipswich (7.45)
Swindon v West Bromwich (7.45)
Wolverhampton v Huddersfield (7.45)

Second division
Millwall v Blackpool (7.45)

FA CUP: sponsored by Littlewoods: Fourth qualifying round: replay: Morecambe v Lancaster (7.45)

DR MARTENS CUP: First round, second leg: Baldock v Chelmsford; Salisbury v Bashley; Sittingbourne v Gravesend and Northfleet; Solihull v Paget R V S Rugby v Atherstone.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Farsley Celtic v Whitley Bay. Cup: Second round: Blyth Spartans v Emley. Winsford v Runcorn

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Ham v Cardiff (7.0); Wimbledon v Swansea (at Plough Lane, 2.0). League Cup: Southampton v Brighton (at Staplewood, Marchwood).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackburn v Tranmere (7.0); Second division: Barnsley v Carlisle (7.0).

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton v Barnstaple.

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Buckie Thistle v Peterhead; Elgin v Brora.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers premier division Cup: London Colney v Potters Bar.

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Semi-final: Glenavon v Crusaders (at New Grosvenor Stadium).

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Rossendale v Chadderton. Floodlit Trophy: First round, second leg: Prescot v Burscough

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham v Clacton

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v Wimborne Town.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne Town v Shoreham; Hassocks v Ringmer, Whitehawk v Portfield. John O'Hara League Cup: Second round: Mile Oak v Langney Sports.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg Town v Pontefract Cols; Denaby v North Ferriby. Presidents Cup: Second round: replay: Rossington Main v Armthorpe Welfare.

OTHER MATCH: Oxford City v Derby (7.45).

UEFA UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIPS: England v Spain (at Crewe Alexandra FC).

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round qualifying: Lincoln v Bolton; Chester v Bury; Burton v Nuneaton; Camberley v Bognor Regis. Port Vale v Walsall Wood. Second round qualifying replay: Sutton United v Viking Sports

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Scotland A v Australia XV (at Galashiels, 2.15)

European Conference
Pool A
Glasgow v Agen (at Hughenden, 5.30)

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Leicester v London Irish (7.30)
Sale v Harlequins (7.15)
Wasps v West Hartlepool ... P

Representative match
Oxford University v Major Stanley's XV (at Iffley Road, 3.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship: Semi-final: Group B: England v Latvia (at Granby Halls, Leicester, 8.0)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Peterborough Coventry. Junior Challenge: Hull v Wolverhampton (7.30).

TENNIS: Women's challenger tournament (in Edinburgh)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Loser-on-loser play is sometimes used to transfer a ruff in a dangerous suit to one in a safe suit. This hand, played nearly forty years ago, is a remarkable example of the genre.

Dealer East **North-South game**

North: ♠A 4 2 ♥A K 7 ♦7 4 2 ♣K Q 8 3

West: ♠J 10 8 7 ♥4 ♦K Q J 9 8 5 ♣10 6

East: ♠6 5 ♥Q J 10 9 3 2 ♦6 ♣J 9 5 2

South: ♠K Q 9 3 ♥8 6 5 ♦A 10 3 ♣A 7 4

W	N	E	S
—	—	3 H	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	4 S
All Pass			

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: king of diamonds

North might have tried Three No-trumps when Three Hearts came round to him. There are nine top tricks in that contract.

South ducked the first diamond and won the next, noting East's heart discard. He then drew three rounds of trumps before playing a heart to the ace. At this point he knew West's shape was 4-1-6-2: West has shown up with six diamonds and four spades, and after East's Three Heart opening can have no more than one heart. Declarer continued with the king of clubs, a club to his ace and a third club. It would not have benefited West to ruff this, so he discarded a diamond.

After taking the queen of clubs, declarer played dummy's last club and discarded a diamond on it — the crucial loser-on-loser play. East was on lead with nothing but hearts and his heart return went to dummy's king — again, it would not have benefited West to ruff this. Now declarer ruffed dummy's last diamond, bringing his trick total up to ten — four spades, two hearts, one diamond and three clubs.

It would not have helped East to ruff the second round of diamonds. Declarer wins the heart return and plays four rounds of trumps. East can afford to discard three hearts but when declarer later cashes the ace of diamonds East has no good discard and has to choose between establishing declarer's third heart or dummy's fourth club.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DIAZO
a. A top-spinning game
b. A musical direction
c. A chemical reaction

REFLUX
a. Reflected light
b. Part of distillation
c. A detergent

WHEATSTONE BRIDGE
a. Laboratory device
b. Variant on a card game
c. Montana/Idaho crossing

YOUNG'S SLITS
a. An optical experiment
b. Aerodynamic wing surface
c. A sect of feminists

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Subtle endgame

Alexei Shirov, the former Latvian grandmaster, who now represents Spain, is usually noted as a fiercely original attacking player. In this game from Tilburg, though, Shirov switches styles to outmanoeuvre Michael Adams, the leading British grandmaster.

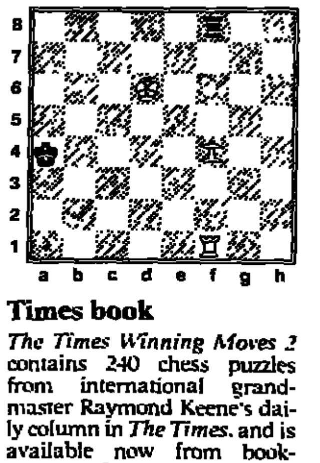
The opening leads by almost forced stages to a double rook and pawn endgame which seems to be heading for a certain draw. Shirov succeeded in showing that the absence of Black's king from defensive contact with his pawns still gave White slender winning chances.

White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Michael Adams
Tilburg, October 1996

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Bxc6	dxc6
5	0-0	f6
6	d4	exd4
7	Nxd4	c5
8	Nb3	Qxd1
9	Rxd1	Bg4
10	f3	Bd7
11	Nc3	0-0-0
12	Bf4	c4
13	Na5	Bc5+
14	Kf1	b5
15	Nd5	Ne7
16	Bxc7	Nxd5
17	Rxd5	Kxc7
18	Rxc5+	Kb6
19	b4	cxb3
20	Nxb3	Be6
21	Rc3	Rd6
22	a4	Bc4+
23	Kf2	Rc8
24	axb5	axb5
25	Rb1	b4
26	Re3	Bxb3
27	Rexb3	Rxc2+
28	Ke3	Rxg2
29	Rxb4+	Kc5
30	Rb7	Ra6
31	R1b3	g5
32	h4	h6
33	Rd3	gxh4
34	Rc7+	Kb4
35	Rd1	Kb3
36	Rh1	f5
37	exf5	Rg5
38	Rb7+	Kc2
39	Rh2+	Kc3
40	Rbb2	Kc4
41	Rxh4+	Kc5
42	Rc2+	Kb5
43	Rh1	Ra3+
44	Kf4	Ra4+
45	Ke5	Ra5
46	Rxh6	Kb4+
47	Ke4	Rgxf5
48	Rb6+	Ka3
49	Rc3+	Ka2
50	f4	Rf8
51	Rcb3	Rc5
52	Rb2+	Ka3
53	Rb1	Ka2
54	R6b2+	Ka3
55	Rb5	Re8+
56	Kd4	Rxb5
57	Rxb5	Ka4
58	Rb1	Rf8
59	Ke5	Re8+
60	Kd6	Rf8
61	Rf1	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Times book

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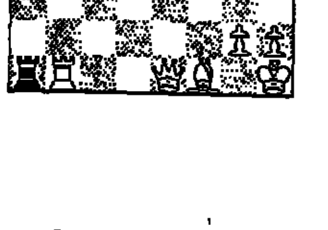
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Karpov — Taimanov, Leningrad 1977. Here is a rare example of Anatoly Karpov, the Fide world champion, losing a game with the white pieces. Can you spot Black's brilliant, and geometrically pleasing, conclusion?



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Grieving for the loss of sporting lives

SIMON BARNES

Midweek View

Every death diminishes us, but this counts double with sporting deaths. The fearful lineaments of death seem still more terrible, still more unfair when set against the background of sport's merriment and frivolity.

Last week, Matthew Harding, the Chelsea vice-chairman, died on his way home from a footie match. The outflow of grief across the footballing nation was quite unprecedented for the death of a mere club director. Chelsea were at home to Tottenham Hotspur last weekend: not their greatest allies. Yet the minute's silence was full, complete, profound.

> 'The silence was complete and profound'

Harding's death diminished all English football, it seemed: not what is normally the case when a boardroom buffer pops his clogs. Mocking a rival's misfortunes is part of football's less edifying tradition, plane-crash taunts follow Manchester United everywhere. But, throughout English football, they kept the silence for Harding.

As soccer comes out of its brief period of mourning, so rugby union enters one. On Sunday, Ian Tucker died after playing for Oxford University against Saracens the previous day. He was injured while making a tackle, and collapsed after emerging from the subsequent maul. Police say they are satisfied that no criminal offence took place. It was just sport.

Harding was, in his way, the ultimate figure of fantasy football. There comes a point when football people no longer fantasise about playing for England or Chelsea. At a certain age, imagining yourself as Peter Osgood becomes a trifle absurd.

The fantasy figure for the older man is the manager, and latterly, the chairman: fantasies of power rather than beauty. Harding's gift to his game was to add a new gloss to the fantasy. Young by boardroom standards, at 42, he was a pubable, rather than clubable, man in a Chelsea shirt rather than a suit, and quite ludicrously rich.

How many football fans, of every hue, saw Harding and thought: "That's what I'd be like, if I were a multimillionaire. I'd chuck huge sums at my beloved club, I'd cock snooks at everyone in sight, I'd still have plenty of pints and I'd shout myself daft every Saturday just as I do now. Success wouldn't change me, it would make me even more like myself."

Harding's death came after a match, which makes it all far more poignant than if the helicopter had gone down after some business meeting. Death and sport do not sit well together. Real death has no place among the mock-deaths and cod tragedies of the sporting round.

The same paradox surrounds the death of Tucker. If he had died in a car crash it would have been sad, but it would not have touched strangers. Young men die in car crashes by the nature of things, the statistics tell us this story again and again.

It is always the waste of a life: but it always seems still more of a waste when a young person dies in pursuit of sport. It seems doubly awful, doubly dreadful: something deep in ourselves cries out that, above all else, it is *not fair*.

And yet sport always involves the deliberate seeking of danger. Even watching it. If you commit yourself to the fortunes of one team, you put yourself in danger of disappointment, of the teasing and chaffing of others. I recently reported a story about a Brazilian fan who, goaded by the incessant teasing of his lifelong friend after a defeat, shot him dead.

> 'Sport is not about death it is about life'

Actually playing sport involves greater psychological, spiritual and physical risks. This seeking of danger is seen as a strictly male trait, but it is not. Everyone who has anything to do with horses knows that. And sport kills women as well as men: a couple of years ago, I had the grim task of writing about a teenage girl who died after a fall in three-day eventing. Rugby union is a sport of physical confrontation and injuries are inevitable for all players at any level. The game is not supposed to be safe. People wouldn't play it if it was safe.

New legislation and better law enforcement — the laws of both the land and the game — have made the game more sensible, more responsible. Dangerous games must always be monitored closely. We have grown out of the ethic of callousness, the notion that it's a man's game and there is always a natural culling.

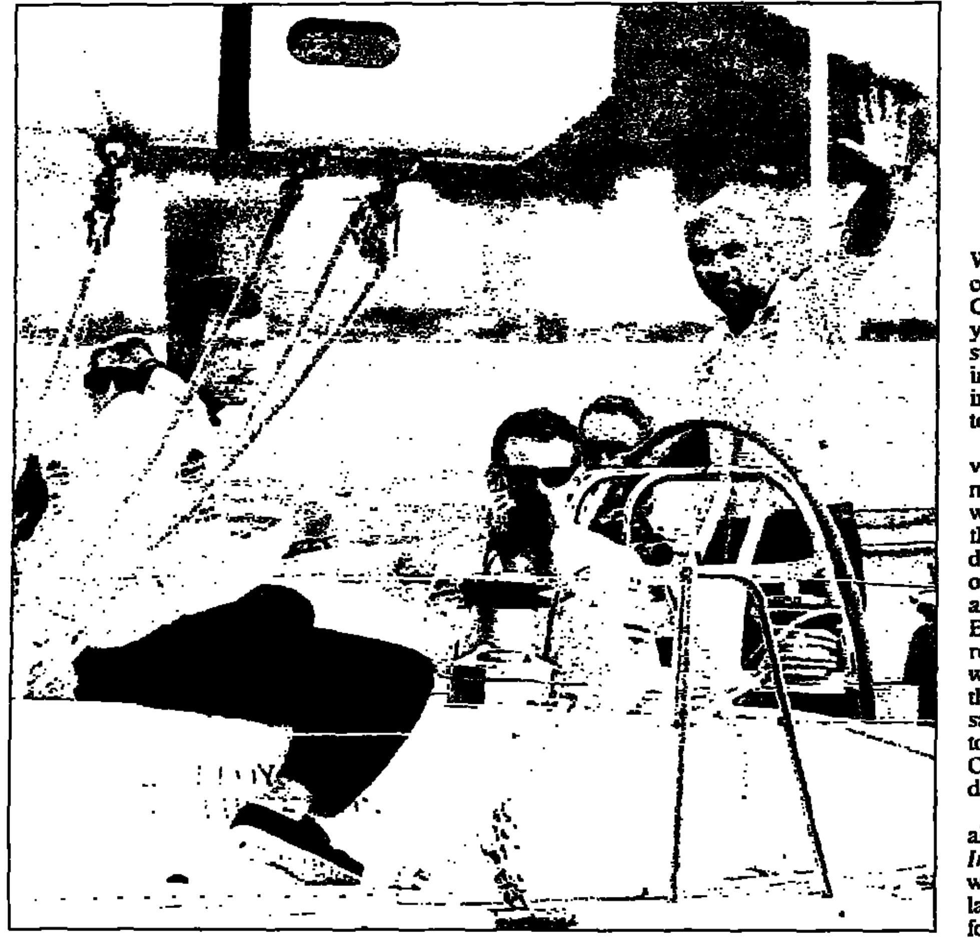
For, as sport has become an ever more public concern, so the the sheer inappropriateness of sporting deaths hits us ever harder. Sport, you see, is not about death. It is about life. Sport is the most life-affirming aspect of the national life: it cheers and celebrates life and youth, and does so by means of excitement, risk, confrontation.

Sport is often compared with war, but it is quite the opposite. War is about death, waste, disaster. Sport is a luxury that can only come as the product of peace. Sport is life. Death, in such a context, seems not only inappropriate but incomprehensible.

Celebrations on the road to Rio

James Capstick has Georgia on his mind as he takes stock in Brazil

MARK PEPPER



James Hatfield acknowledges the applause as he and his disabled crew on *Time & Tide* cross the finish line in Rio yesterday at the end of the first leg

BT Global Challenge

WHEN you see the television coverage of the BT Global Challenge, you will sit glued to your seat as the 40-ton boats surf down mountainous seas in the Roaring Forties, dodging icebergs with the crew tied to their yachts by a lifeline.

The reality on Sunday was very different. After 5,000 miles of racing, *Ocean Rover* was in Copacabana Bay under the statue of Christ the Redeemer and we were drifting onto the beach with no wind and only the tide to move us. Even as a novice sailor, I realised that this was not quite what was required. One of the things I learnt early on in sailing is that there is always too much wind or not enough. On this occasion, there was definitely too little.

The other problem was that almost alongside was *Heath Insured II*. We had been within sight of them for the last five days and, although it focuses your mind on the task in hand, it does get you down after a while.

As we rounded the last mark before the finish, we had a 500-yard lead on them and, with only five knots of wind, we pulled out all the stops. It seemed as if every sail in the boat was tried in our attempts to get that extra fraction of speed. Yet, as we tacked, the little wind we had finally gave up and we sat there and watched *Heath* as they sailed past us. It was another two hours before we finished.

Having been at sea for a month, the first order of the day was a beer. As always, our man from Rover, Marius Harte, was on hand with the goods. I had to send an early message on to race HQ the day before as the worst possible scenario had occurred — I had run out of cigarettes — and it was with great joy that, along with the cold beer, several packets of fags were thrown aboard.

The last two days have probably been the same for most crews. Lots and lots of beer has been consumed, large steak meals eaten and long, slow baths taken. I have even found time to sleep for about two hours. The inevitable debrief by the crew, over the ever-present beer, went true to form. It is amazing how people do things that almost drive you to murder at the time, but, reviewed in the cold light of day, you laugh and put them down to experience.

Looking back, I have to say it was a brilliant experience and I am looking forward to the next leg. We had long days and balmy nights sailing the trade winds under spinnaker, surfing down the rollers at ridiculous speeds. It was strange how, after the Equator, the weather actually became cooler and Rio has been quite wet.

The leg had its downs as well as its highs. For the last couple of days, the wind would die for no reason, leaving us becalmed. On one occasion, the shout of "whale!" went up and all the crew emerged to peer over the rail and watch. It turned out to be a giant turtle paddling along lazily but with great dignity. We were only just beating it and, as always, there was *Heath* almost within spitting distance.

I celebrated my 38th birthday at sea with a glass of champagne and a slice of cake with the crew. We then crossed the Equator and celebrated with another glass of bubbly. But the highlight for me was the news that my wife, Tracey, had given birth to our third child, and first daughter, whom we have named Georgia.

Thanks to the marvels of modern technology, I was able to telephone her at the hospital that evening and she sounded marvellous. One thing that it did do was remind me that it will be another three months before I can hold my daughter for the first time. I was quite jealous talking to Sue Walters, the wife of a fellow crew member, when she described to me how she had held Georgia and how beautiful she was.

The "world's toughest yacht race" continues, but often the sailing is the easy part. For the next couple of weeks in Rio, the crew will no doubt do the touristy bit, visiting local museums and churches, and prepare the boat for the extremes of the next leg through the Southern Ocean to Wellington. Plus, thanks to the sponsor that supplied the entire fleet with free phone cards, I will be able to keep in touch with the family.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

DIAZO
(c) A formative of the names of compounds derived from the aromatic hydrocarbons, which contain two atoms of nitrogen combined in a peculiar way with phenyl. "The diazonium salts are by far the most important diazo-compounds."

REFLUX
(b) In chemistry and distilling the condition, process or action of refluxing. Also concretely, the condensed vapour involved in this. "The operation is most conveniently conducted in a tubulated retort to the neck of which is attached a reflux condenser."

WHEATSTONE BRIDGE
(a) A simple circuit for measuring electrical resistance by connecting it so as to form a quadrilateral with three known resistances by applying a voltage between a pair of opposite corners. A galvanometer connected between the other two corners registers no current when the ratios of the two pairs of adjacent resistances are equal. The eponym of Sir Charles Wheatstone, who in 1843 brought into notice the differential arrangement apparatus which had been invented by S. Hunter Christie in 1833.

YOUNG'S SLITS
(a) The classic experiment into the nature of light, an investigation that provided the basic element in the development of the wave theory and was first performed by the English physicist and physician Thomas Young in 1801. Young identified the phenomenon called interference. Observing that when light from a single source is split into two beams, and the two beams are then recombined, the combined beam shows a pattern of light and dark fringes. Young concluded that the fringes result from the fact that when the beams recombine, their peaks and troughs may not be in step.

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RADIO CHOICE

Appointment with fear

Sensational Women. *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

So sonorously ecstatic about the Victorian novelist Mary Braddon are presenter Sarah Dunant, biographer Jenny Uglow and novelist Sally Beauman that I was sorely tempted to rush to the nearest library and grab a copy of the best-known of her 80 novels, *Lady Audley's Secret*, to find out what the fuss was all about. Dunant says the sexuality, violence and madness of the eponymous lady put the fear of God into the Victorian literary establishment. To be honest, the extracts we hear from the book this morning don't entirely explain the phenomenon. Braddon wrote her novel 30 years before Oscar Wilde penned *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. Both tales feature a portrait of a beautiful fiend. It is tempting to speculate that, but for Mary Braddon, there might never have been a Dorian Gray.

The Young Tradition Award 1966. *Radio 2, 7.00pm.*

I have attended the last two finals of this competition for young folk musicians, and I must say that I was pleasantly surprised at the high level of musicianship. Tonight, Radio 2 puts out the 1996 final. For us, the listeners, there is an extra *frisson* in the fact that the broadcast is live. Unfortunately, it is also true that more than one contestant will know that if — Heaven forfend! — something goes wrong tonight, there is no chance of a second chance. The winner out of the six finalists is guaranteed "showcase" bookings on both Radio 2 and at a Toronto folk music festival next year.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Bits from Last Week's Radio. Another chance to listen in as comedian Greg Proops searches for curious cuts from various radio programmes **10.00** Mark Radcliffe *12.00 Claire Sturgess 4.00* Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Young Tradition Showcase 96. See Choice **9.00** Macgregor's Banks and Braes **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Adrian Finighan, includes at **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Manchester United v Fenerbahçe; Rangers v Ajax. Plus commentary from the European Champions' League **10.05** The Baker Line **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours, with John Diamond **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn *2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00* Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour.
4.30am Europe Today **5.30** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** *Off the Shelf* **7.30** Discovery **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Andy Kershaw **9.45** Sport **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Thirty-Minute Drama **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** *Britain Today* **12.30** *Composer of the Month* **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.05** Sport **3.15** Concert Hall **3.30** News in German **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today *5.30 News in German* **5.45** Sport **6.30** Discovery **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Meridian On Screen **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.10** Science View **11.15** Country Style **11.30** Multitrack **12.30am** From Our Own Correspondent **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Assignment **3.15** Sports Roundup *3.30 Meridian Books*

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** *Mike Read* **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto W A Mozart (Concerto for 2 pianos in Eb major K 365) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Locatelli (Flute Sonata in g major, Opus 5 No 1) **7.00** Cheltenham *and Gloucester Classic Gardening Forum (r)* **8.00** Concert. Korngold (Kings Row Title Music); Horovitz (Euphonium Concerto); Copland (Lincoln Portrait), Bernstein (Symphonic Dances from West Side Story); Rutter (Gloria) **10.00** *Michael Mappin* **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard *Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm* Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air with Andrew McGregor includes Rossini (Overture *La cambiale di matrimonio*); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor)
9.00 Morning Collection includes Thomas (Overture *Mignon*); C P E Bach (Symphony in E flat, Wq183 No 2); Rameau (Suite *Dardanus*)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Bach (Goldberg Canons, BWV1087); Fauré (Requiem); Haydn (Sonata in G minor, H XVI 44)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Hildegard of Bingen and Part. Part (Tabula rasa, *excerpt*); (Symphony No 3, excerpt). Hildegard (O quam mirabilis)
1.00pm News; Concert Hall. Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Vienna Brahms Trio. Haydn (Piano Trio in D, H XV 24); Beethoven (Piano Trio Movement in B flat); (Piano Trio in C, Op 87)
2.00 Midweek Choice. Includes *Fitkin (Hook); Lalo* (Symphonie espagnole); Saint-Saens (Septet in E flat, Op 65)
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Hereford Cathedral. Organist and master of the choristers Roy Massey. Assistant organist Huw Williams
5.00 The Music Machine. When F M Einheit played percussion *with the German band* Einsturzenden Neubauten, he tapped on anything from raw meat to pneumatic drills and the singer *Blixa*
5.15 In Tune. Presenter Jeremy Nicholas talks to American conductor Leonard Slatkin about his Elgar concerts
7.30 A Grand, Mysterious Harmony (Buckner season) Stephen Johnson recalls the disastrous premiere of the second version of Bruckner's Third Symphony, played here by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Yoav Talmi plus an alternative version of the slow movement dating from 1876 With contributions from Gunter Brosche, Otto Biba and Paul Banks
9.00 Early Islamic Thinkers. Dr Robert Wisnovsky and Dr John Cooper examine the important contribution to philosophy made by the 11th-century doctor, naturalist and thinker, Avicenna.
9.15 Carole Cerasi. Harpsichord recital. Scarlatti (Sonata in C, Kk513); Francois Couperin (Prelude in G minor, Ordre No 7 in G); C P E Bach *(Sonata in* B flat, Wq165 No 20) (r)
10.00 Voices. Iain Burnside sets out to prove songwriters *down the* centuries have been carrying the ecologivcal candle long before anyone had thought about ozone layers or acid rain
10.45 Night Waves. American poet Rita Dove delivers her lecture *Sonnets to Sound Bytes: the Poet and the Public* at the Royal Festival Hall
11.30 Composer of the Week: Reger. Includes Violin Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 24, allegretto; Humoresque, Op 20 No 5; Silhouette, Op 55
12.30am Jazz Notes. Keith Nichols discusses a new biography of Scott Joplin with Digby *Fairweather*
1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 **News** *9.05* ***Midweek***
10.00 News; Sensational Women (FM). See Choice (1/6)
10.00 Daily Service; On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Colvil and Soames, by Christopher Lee. Mystery *drama about two intelligence* officers who investigate the death of an elderly Irish priest. Starring Christopher Benjamin as Henry Colvil, Amanda Redman as Alex Soames and Dudley Sutton as CI Arthur Guscott
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Hulme Stories, by Bill Taylor
2.45 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen. From the Conference of the National Federation of Children's Book Groups. Bernard Ashley, Gillian Cross and David Lloyd explore the world of children's literature
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope *Paul Gambaccini* reads a biography of Clint Eastwood and sees the new Robert De Niro, Wesley Snipes movie *The Fan*
4.45 Short Story: In a Grove, by Rashomon Akutagawa. A compelling Japanese gothic murder story about the nature of confession
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Labour Exchange (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts with John Waite
7.45 In Search of a State. Fionnuala O'Connor explores the feelings of the Catholic *community* in Northern Ireland
8.30 The Power of Peckham (2/2) (r)
9.00 Costing the Earth. Mark Whittaker explores the controversial issues surrounding prawn and *shrimp* farming in South East Asia
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: You Have to Laugh by A.L. Barker. What starts off as a joke for Charlie turns out not to be so funny after all. Read by James Bolam
11.00 Whatever Happened To . . . ? (1/6)
11.15 1690 And All That (3/3). A new series of comic verse
11.30 Control Group Six (FM), with Richard Bean, Andrew Clifford and Clive Coleman(4/4)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News *incl 12.27am* approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: First Church of the New Millennium by Bryan Appleyard (3/10)
12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

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Being inside means a loss of perspective

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Just when you thought it might be safe to forget all about Robert Maxwell, along comes **Inside Story Special: Maxwell — The Downfall** (BBC1) and it all comes flooding back. He of the preposterous hair, ridiculous voice and astonishing girth had returned to haunt us once again.

The excuse was the impending fifth anniversary of his mysterious death at sea, but the recent end to legal proceedings against his sons must have helped. Kevin Maxwell may have survived trial by jury, but this was trial by television with Tom Bower as judge, jury and, if he had his way, executioner. As his commentary last night made clear time and again, Bower was determined to exact several million pounds of flesh.

Visually, the film had been assembled with extraordinary skill and dedication, taking full advantage of the fact that Maxwell's towering vanity ensured so much of his life was captured on film. There was black and white footage of the Pergamon days, colour pictures of his celebrity-packed 65th birthday and, best of all, a wonderful in-house video made by his flunkies.

"Robert Maxwell is a multi-faceted individual," it began, "businessman, politician, family man, publisher . . ." A fondness for lists clearly ran in the family: "Soldier, publisher, patriot . . ." intoned Ian at his father's funeral. Funny how none of them ever mentioned fraudster.

But if skill and dedication had gone into the making of the film, so had an element of wickedness. The editing was designed to do maximum damage to Kevin ("we are determined to continue in his traditions" he promised publicly after his father's death) and to cause maximum embarrassment to those who, wittingly or unwittingly, endorsed what Bower described unarguably as "Maxwell's claim to honesty". Peter Jay, in particular, now the BBC's Economics Editor, will not have enjoyed last night's reminder of a less glorious past.

He will not, however, be alone. Politicians, bankers, accountants, even (heaven forfend) journalists were all swept up by Bower's determination to pin the blame on somebody, to call somebody — anybody — to account.

That determination bordered on obsession and was the one serious weakness to an always compelling film. Bower has been too close to the Maxwell story for too long to be a helpful guide to those coming to it either for the first time or returning to it after a break. Corners were cut, events unexplained and complex financial transactions rendered all but incomprehensible by his need to press on. One minute we were having a decidedly unrevealing chat with a colonel in the KGB, the next, Maxwell was sitting down to dinner with the Princess of Wales. Surely she wasn't involved as well?

Why did nobody stop him? After 70 minutes of self-flagellation (for journalists, Maxwell represents the biggest story ever to have got away) we were really no nearer to answering the question. Perhaps the last word belonged to one of the first to cross his path, a former Pergamon employee whose accurate assessment rang down the decades. "I said to him, Mr Maxwell you are the sincerest liar I have ever met."

There must be a link between Maxwell and Robson and Jerome but for the life of me I can't think . . . no, on second thoughts, I can. Just as the *Daily Mirror* is all the better for being rid of one, so **Soldier, Soldier** (ITV) appears much improved for being shot of the others. No chance of anybody singing, for a start.

Last night's episode was a timely story of sexual harassment and assault in the King's Own Fusiliers. Con O'Neill, although having the dashing looks of an officer, was splendidly menacing as the boorish Colour Sergeant Hicks, while Kate O'Malley did her utmost with a script that was determined to turn a trained soldier into a sobbing victim, regardless of the cost to character or credibility. "It must have been something I did," she wailed, " I must have led him on." No, it just didn't ring true.

The assault itself took place in the mess kitchen's walk-in larder, which was conveniently festooned with enormous sides of beef. "There's just me, you and our friends from the slaughter-house," whispered Hicks as he backed Private Grey (O'Malley) into a fat-free corner. Hemmed in by meat on all sides, she did what any sensible woman would do — kneed him in the tenderloin.

But while that scene was impressively intense (especially for a series that normally survives on big bangs and bigger crashes), Hicks's eventual comeuppance was less successful. It took place in a swimming pool, the protagonists fully clothed. Not easy flouncing out of the shallow end in waterlogged fatigues, I can tell you.

The rest of the evening was set aside for educational purposes. In **Soho Stories** (BBC2) we learnt that stripping is all about "shoulders and 'eeps, shoulders and 'eeps", according to the French choreographer at the Raymond Revuebar. The look on Gwen's face, however, suggested that it was not shoulders and 'eeps she was worried about.

Next time this English literature student wants a holiday job perhaps she should take up rally driving. You still get shouted at, but as the first instalment of a new series of **Ride On** (Channel 4) revealed, you do get to keep your clothes on. "You're steering too much, you're steering too much," shouted a fierce Scots woman, as Alain de Cadenet wrestled with the mysteries of something called left-foot braking. Apparently it makes your back-end slide out. Rather like shoulders and 'eeps, in fact.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (72030)

7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax) (25841)

9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceefax) (5913924)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (2815059) **9.45 KILROY** (s) (2638740) **10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK** (s) (56818)

11.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather (6229059) **11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW** (s) (7492837) **11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE** Jack Charlton (s) (1208547)

12.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather (7851450)

12.05pm POLICE RESCUE (s) (5778837)

12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (93187856)

1.00 NEWS and weather (73160)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (57764363)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (44721585) **2.00 CALL MY BLUFF** (s) (6363) **2.30 A WEEK IN THE COUNTRY** (s) (740) **3.00 INCOGNITO** (s) (5498)

3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PANTS (s) (5858699) **3.50 CHUCKLEVISION** (9258455) **4.10 GET YOUR OWN BACK** (6435363) **4.35 THE DEMON HEADMASTER** (Ceefax) (s) (4634176) **5.00 NEWSROUND** (2715059) **5.10 BLUE PETER** (Ceefax) (s) (6804363)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (643856)

6.00 NEWS and weather (769)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (721)

7.00 SMALL TALK with Ronnie Corbett. (Ceefax) (s) (7479)

7.30 HERE AND NOW Sue Lawley interviews Diane Blood, the widow fighting for the right to have a baby from sperm taken from her husband before he died. (Ceefax) (s) (905)

8.00 HOW DO THEY DO THAT? Eamonn Holmes and Esther McVey present the programme with the answers. This week how Agee, the polar bear, has become Hollywood's hottest actor. Noah Kelly shows how to build a 20-storey skyscraper out of playing cards. Plus, Eamonn and Esther reveal the secret behind last week's hair-raising roof-top drama (Ceefax) (s) (979301)

8.50 POINTS OF VIEW (Ceefax) (s) (434063)

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS with Nicholas Witchell. (Ceefax) (3694)

9.30 BECK The first of a two-part story. Beck has to discover the identity of a middle-aged man who is found wandering the streets suffering from memory loss. But, as she gets closer to finding a missing spouse, his wife decides she does not want him back. With Amanda Redman (Ceefax) (s) (139363)

10.20 CHILDWATCH PLUS TEN Esther Rantzen looks back at the past ten years of Childwatch in a year when child abuse has been in the headlines (s) (1383566)

11.30 FILM: Blind Vision (1990) Suspense thriller. A young loner voyeuristically keeps watch on his beautiful neighbour's night-time habits. When her lover is murdered, the loner becomes the prime suspect. Starring Lenny Van Dohlen and Deborah Shelton. Directed by Shuki Levy (225585)

1.10-1.15am WEATHER (2395257)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY

7.15 NEWS (6686108)

7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (4053189) **7.55 GROWING UP WILD** (8112566) **8.20 CHRISTOPHER CROCODILE** (7045634) **8.25 MONTY** (2783634) **8.35 THE RECORD** (8562740) **9.00 LE CAFE DES REVES** (2893837) **9.25 SEE YOU, SEE ME** (5923301) **9.45 WORDS AND PICTURES** (1257653) **10.00 PLAYDAYS** (64924) **10.30 NUMBERTIME** (1395924) **10.45 CATS' EYES** (1390479) **11.00 AROUND SCOTLAND** (9061672) **11.20 MUSIC MAKERS** (9925382) **11.40 ENGLISH EXPRESS** (1221498) **12.00 GERMAN GLOBO** (7859092) **12.05pm SCIENCE** (2690194) **12.30 WORKING LUNCH** (99011) **1.00 GEOGRAPHY** (17789653) **1.20 THUNDERBIRDS** (96209740) **1.25 ZIG ZAG** (17768160) **1.45 COME OUTSIDE** (57774740) **2.00 CHRISTOPHER CROCODILE** (81249450) **2.05 MONTY** (81248721) **2.10 THE CHAMPIONS** (4449301)

3.00 NEWS (Ceefax) (5895634) **3.05 WESTMINSTER** (Ceefax) (4149498) **3.55 NEWS** (8755382) **4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY** (634) **4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK** (818) **5.00 OPRAH WINFREY** (Ceefax) (9671108)

5.40 MARY BERRY AT HOME (449127)

5.55 TURNING POINTS (360672)

6.00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION (r) (Ceefax) (s) (406455)

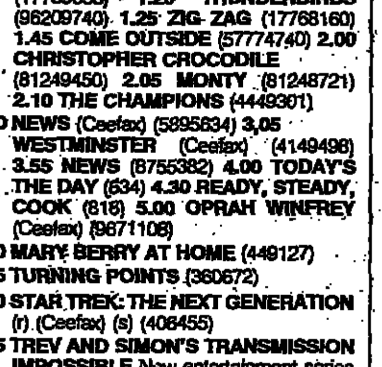
6.45 TREV AND SIMON'S TRANSMISSION IMPOSSIBLE New entertainment series featuring Trev Neal and Simon Hickson from *Live and Kicking* (s) (671450)

7.00 TESTAMENT: THE BIBLE IN ANIMATION (s) (Ceefax) (8721)

7.30 FROM THE EDGE (Ceefax) (s) (547)

8.00 WILDLIFE ON TWO The underwater world of the dolphin (r) (Ceefax) (4769)

8.30 TWO FAT LADIES A menu featuring game for a dinner party hosted by the Duke of Hamilton (Ceefax) (s) (3276)



Jacqui Peet and son Rory (9.00pm)

9.00 MODERN TIMES: Broken Homes Exploring the problems divorced fathers have in keeping in-touch with their children (Ceefax) (s) (145363)

9.50 NAKED CITY Investigating the secretive world of the City of London (Ceefax) (s) (930189)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (717585)

11.15 SOHO STORIES (s) (392450)

12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (s) (64986)

12.30am-5.30 LEARNING ZONE: OU: ACCUMULATING YEARS AND WISDOM (71590) **1.00 AGE AND IDENTITY** (97986) **2.00 ENGLISH TIME** (15967) **4.00 ENGLISH HERITAGE** (16509) **4.30 MENTAL HEALTH MEDIA** (95431) **5.00 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK** (47306) **5.30 THE ADVISER** (65615)

CHOICE

Wanted
Channel 4, 8.30pm

As it is being transmitted live this new adventure game show is easier to describe that to judge. It describes itself as a cross between *The Running Man* and one of Channel 4's earliest successes, *Treasure Hunt*, while claiming to be a clone of neither. Teams of two called the runners are pursued by a threesome called the trackers. The runners have a map and a daily allowance of money, are required to carry out tasks such as donating blood and their object is not to be caught. The longer they are at large, the bigger the prize money. But the trackers have the expert help of the former KGB agent, Oleg Gordievsky, and a former Flying Squad Commander, John O'Connor. The host is Richard Littlejohn, familiar to viewers in the London region as the presenter of topical discussion programmes on ITV.

Modern Times: Broken Homes
BBC2, 9.00pm

Documentaries, no less than feature films, have their *auteurs*. Lynn Alleway's talent lies in persuading ordinary people to go before the camera and talk openly about their personal lives. Alleway's previous film for *Modern Times* was a much-discussed study of working women who leave their children with nannies. Her new film is about the effect on families, and particularly children, when the parents split up. Six-year-old Rory had a screaming fit when he discovered that the father he idolised had left his mother for another woman. Grown-ups can feel bitter as well, though this can take unexpected forms. Jennie is horrified that her former husband lives with a woman whose parents pack turkeys for Bernard Matthews. Says Jennie: "I didn't send my daughters to public schools to mix with that riff-raff."

Naked City: A Collective Madness
BBC2, 9.50pm

In 1987 the average income in Britain was £10,000 a year. But in the post-Big Bang City of London bonuses alone could boost earnings by many times that amount. One banker recalls offering a bonus of £½ million, thinking he was being generous, and being told it was humiliating. This was the time when 28-year-old traders could make fortunes by sitting in front of computer screens and pressing the right buttons. The huge wealth fuelled a speculative boom that affected property prices, the art market and classic cars. The price of a Ferrari 250 GTO went up fivefold in no time. The easy money bred arrogance and contempt. But the bubble was soon to burst and those who feel like gloating should not miss the next episode of Denys Blakeway's enthralling study of unregulated capitalism gone mad.

Childwatch Plus Ten
BBC1, 10.20pm

Esther Rantzen is not everybody's television favourite but her *Childwatch* programme broadcast ten years ago contributed importantly to public awareness about the abuse of children and led to the setting up of the charity, ChildLine. A decade on she returns to a subject which has rarely left the headlines, what with scandals at children's homes, the Fred and Rosemary West case and the continuing revelations from Belgium. The singer Sinead O'Connor, who was abused by her mother, is among victims who speak out and there is a discussion of whether the legal system is failing to convict abusers. The programme also looks at plans to set up a paedophile register. Studio guests include the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, and the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7912585)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (2883450)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (6670634)

10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (51450)

10.30 THIS MORNING (27997498)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7857634)

12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (3599276)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (s) (3507295) **1.25 CORONATION STREET** (r) (Teletext) (6542672) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (Teletext) (s) (27108653) **2.25 CROSS WITS** (Teletext) (s) (27187160) **2.50 VANESSA** (Teletext) (s)(9203924)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (5802924)

3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (5801295)

3.30 TOTS TV CLASSICS (9053382) **3.40 THE PARKIES** (6473011) **3.50 ASTROFARM** (9064498) **4.05 THE TWISTED TALES OF FELIX THE CAT** (8132214) **4.20 FANTOMCAT** (6459943) **4.45 IT'S A MYSTERY** (3254128)

5.10 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (s) (8608740)

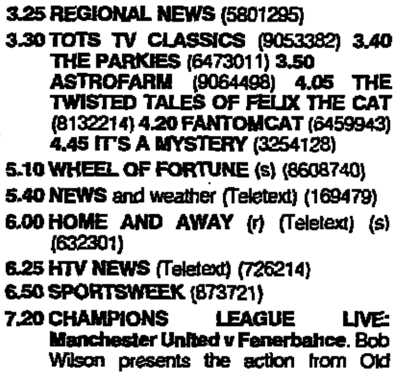
5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (169479)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (632301)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (726214)

6.50 SPORTSWEEK (873721)

7.20 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LIVE: Manchester United v Fenerbahce. Bob Wilson presents the action from Old Trafford (Teletext) (74816214)



Bradley and Lancashire (9.30pm)

9.30 CORONATION STREET Raquel (Sarah Lancashire) has an exciting future in store, according to Maud (Elizabeth Bradley) (Teletext) (16671)

10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (66295)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (925127)

10.40 CHILLER: Number Six In a small Yorkshire town, DI Taylor tries desperately to find the child murderer who has struck five times at the time of the full moon. Just as Taylor thinks he has discovered the murderer's identity, he realises his own son's life is at risk. With Kevin McNally and Maggie O'Neill (r) (Teletext) (s) (917498)

11.40 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS featuring action from Rangers v Ajax; Manchester United v Fenerbahce; Juventus v Rapid Vienna; and AC Milan v Gothenburg (865011)

12.45am REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL (55832)

1.15 GOD'S GIFT (886561) **2.15 CYBER.CAFE** (76325) **2.45 DEAR NICK** (5116967)

3.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA (r) (2367509)

4.20 SOUND BITES (s) (92393257)

4.30 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (r) (s) (99257)

5.00 DUTY FREE (r) (s) (34832)

5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (52141)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm WALES TONIGHT (726214)

6.50-7.20 THE REALLY HELPFUL PROGRAMME (873721)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55 CORONATION STREET (3507295)

1.25-1.55 CROSS WITS (50389045)

1.55 HOME AND AWAY (14157547)

2.25 VANESSA (27101740)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (1120158)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8608740)

6.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (301081)

6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (873721)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 HOME AND AWAY (3507295)

1.25 CROSS WITS (50389045)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44795160)

2.20 VANESSA (27119769)

2.50-3.20 TEENAGERS - A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR PARENTS (9203924)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8608740)

6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (726214)

6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (873721)

12.45am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (55832)

2.15 DEAR NICK (5835257)

3.10 IN FOCUS (3203412)

4.05 LATE & LOUD (4056948)

5.00 JOBFINDER (8129615)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm CROSS WITS (3507295)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (50389045)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44795160)

2.20 VANESSA (27119769)

2.50-3.20 SERVE YOU RIGHT (9203924)

5.10 HOME AND AWAY (8608740)

6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (723127)

6.20 PUT IT TO THE TEST (618721)

6.50-7.20 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (873721)

10.30 MERIDIAN NEWS AND WEATHER (916479)

10.45 THE PIER (731214)

11.10-11.15 THE LISTINGS (969721)

11.15 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS (843943)

12.15am ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS (56561)

5.00 FREESCREEN (34832)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 TAKE FIVE (9423943) **7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (96011) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (76672) **9.30 YSGOLION** (535905) **12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE** (63108) **12.30pm BACKDATE** (91479) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (6538479) **1.35 Film: WAY OF A GAUCHO** (45676127) **3.15 THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW** (9148011) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (130) **4.30 MOVING PEOPLE** (214) **5.00 5 PUMP** (3653) **5.30 COUNTDOWN: THE SEARCH FOR THE SUPREME CHAMPION** (566) **6.00 NEWYDDION** (508905) **6.05 HENO** (627479) **6.35 JACPOT** (876818) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (910011) **7.25 DILYN CWYS** (178924) **8.00 GWYN A'I FYD** (9837) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (1672) **9.00 WANTED** (7943) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (482127) **10.35 AMERICAN GOTHIC** (995276) **11.30 CAROLINE IN THE CITY** (55276) **12.00 HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET** (7515959) **12.55am FOUR-MATIONS: CONTINENTAL PASSIONS** (6829054)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am TAKE FIVE (s) (9423943)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (96011)

9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER Cookery (s) (76672)

9.30 SCHOOLS: GOOD HEALTH 9.45 BOOK BOX 10.00 STAGE TWO SCIENCE 10.45 CO SINN IS CARSON? 11.07 LOST ANIMALS 11.15 THE MIX 11.30 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 11.45 FIRST EDITION (535905)

12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (s) (63108)

12.30pm BACKDATE (r) (Teletext) (s) (91479)

1.00 SESAME STREET (89634)

2.00 FILM: Desperate Journey (b/w, 1942) starring Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan and Raymond Massey. RAF fliers escape to Britain after being shot down. Directed by Raoul Walsh (6214)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (s) (130)

4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (214)

5.00 RICKI LAKE Fat is Beautiful (Teletext) (s) (2100943)

5.45 ANTON MOSIMANN — NATURALLY (Teletext) (433566)

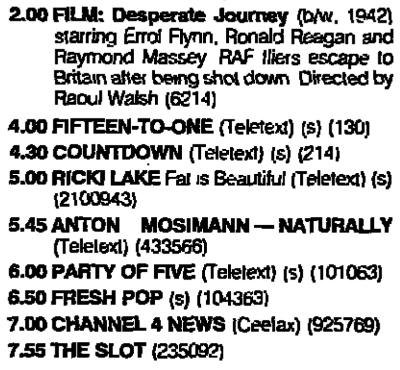
6.00 PARTY OF FIVE (Teletext) (s) (101063)

6.50 FRESH POP (s) (104363)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Ceefax) (925769)

7.55 THE SLOT (235092)

8.00 BROOKSIDE Ron and Jackie's day out becomes more serious than anticipated; and the Simpsons are becoming paranoid about being the centre of attention (Teletext) (s) (9837)



Manhunter Oleg Gordievsky (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **WANTED** The first of a new eight-part live and wide-ranging adventure game show presented by Richard Littlejohn (Teletext) (s) (30059)

9.30 THE LOVERS Beryl begins to plan for the future now that the engagement is back on (Teletext) (16653)

10.00 AMERICAN GOTHIC: Requiem Lucas Buck is buried, but is he dead? (Teletext) (s) (9130)

11.00 RORY BREMNER — WHO ELSE? (r) (688769)

11.40 WEEKLY PLANET presented by Jon Snow. A discussion on the fast-deteriorating situation in central Africa (3/8) (694450)

1.10am DISPATCHES (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6810306)

2.10 FILM: China Clipper (b/w, 1936) with Pat O'Brien and Humphrey Bogart. Drama about a pioneer pilot whose ambition of making a record-breaking flight from San Francisco to China leads to the neglect of his wife. Directed by Raymond Enright (491967)

3.50 FILM: Conflict (b/w, 1945) starring Humphrey Bogart as a murderer whose scheme to dispose of his wife goes badly wrong. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt (3567865) Ends at **5.00**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (7328009) **7.30** Press Your Luck (7421953) **7.40** Jeopardy! (3387176) **8.10** Hotel (8289634) **9.00** Another World (1404392) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (3971301) **10.40** Real TV (2869382) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (5321045) **12.00** Geraldo (23092) **1.00pm** One to Three (90363) **3.00** Jenny Jones (46479) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (58214) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2585) **6.00** New Adventures of Superman (29276) **7.00** Simpsons (3295) **7.30** MASH (9721) **8.00** Speed (79255) **9.00** Outer Limits (99058) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (69818) **11.00** The New Adventures of Superman (36653) **12.00** Midnight Caller (76832) **1.00** LAPD (51122) **1.30** Real TV (01588) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (63431)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (4685943) **8.00** Tekwar (4681363) **9.00** Pursuit (4664450) **11.00** Late Show, with David Letterman (1794092) **12.00** FILM: The French Connection II (2411306) **2.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (3728122)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Kaleidoscope (1966) (74160) **8.00** The Cat and the Canary (1979) (21009) **10.00** Pumping Iron II: The Women (1985) (48301) **12.00** Pocahontas: The Legend (1995) (17090) **2.00pm** The Seventh Dawn (1964) (34874498) **4.05** No Nukes (1980) (51446671) **6.00** Rough Diamonds (1994) (28721) **7.30** El Features (1180) **8.00** Come Die, with Me (1994) (75479) **10.00** Pret-A-Porter (1994) (84920924) **12.15am** Indecent Behaviour II (1994) (415870) **1.50** The Vagrant (1992) (7078238) **3.20** Inner Sanctum (1991) (5486412) **4.50-6.00** Proudheart (1993) (21137325)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am A Night in Casablanca (1946) (81721) **7.30** The Polar Bear King (1992) (95112) **9.00** The New Adventures of Little Toot (1993) (34382) **10.00** Prince of Foxes (1949) (46943) **12.00** The Big Game (1995) (15872) **2.00pm** The Kid from Left Field (1953) (74740) **4.00** The Polar Bear King (1992) (8740) **6.00** Lightning Jack (1994) (61276) **8.00** Speechless (1994) (88721) **10.00** Interview with the Vampire (1994) (60236160) **12.05am** Mr Wonderful (1993) (322896) **1.45** A Bronx Tale (1993) (72013702) **3.50-6.00** Betrayed: A Story of Three Women (1995) (30221219)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Shall We Dance? (1937) (7190127) **6.00** Murder Ahoy (1964) (1180363) **8.00** Buffy the Vampire Slayer (1992) (1172108) **10.00** The Deep (1977) (30276721) **12.10am** Fright Night II (4534899) **1.55** Dracula: Prince of Darkness (1965) (2874306) **3.30-5.10** [illegible] the Vampyre (1979) (5297580)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm. **6.00am** Bonkers (8205027) **6.25** Mouse Tracks (7750112) **6.50** Darkwing Duck (5824214) **7.15** Quack Attack (1071504) **7.40** Aladdin (4624653) **8.05** Timon and Pumbaa (8738498) **8.30** Bonkers (11818) **9.00** Mouse Tracks (35498) **9.30** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (49189) **10.00** Muppet Babies (25108) **10.30** Adventures in Wonderland (24382) **11.00** Quack Attack (18634) **11.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (19383) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (15634) **12.30pm** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (43905) **1.00** Timon and Pumbaa (85214) **1.30** Aladdin (42276) **2.00** Darkwing Duck (3479) **2.30** Best of Walt Disney (1025740) **3.25** Mouse Tracks (8214180) **3.50** Darkwing Duck (2501011) **4.15** Bonkers (2511740) **4.35** Timon and Pumbaa (7952878) **5.00** Aladdin (7059) **5.30** Ghostwriter (8872) **6.00** Crossbow (3585) **6.30** Blossom (4837) **7.00** Home Improvement (7295) **7.30** Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman (38721) **8.30** Second Noah (66547) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (83769)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (63721) **7.30** Wrestling (44214) **8.30** Racing (80924) **9.00** Sports Centre (71276) **9.30** Aerobics (18295) **10.00** Footballers' Football Show (71740) **11.00** Asia Report (88276) **12.00** Aerobics (84740) **12.30pm** Rugby League (154189) **3.00** Footballers' Football Show (82288) **4.00** Asia Report (94030) **5.00** Wrestling (8382) **6.00** Sports Centre (5301) **6.30** Rugby Union (6653) **7.00** Boxing (9011) **7.30** Motor Sport (2837) **8.00** Superbikes (19837) **10.00** Sports Centre (92769) **10.30** Boxing (78189) **11.00** Futbol Mundial (98289) **11.30** Rugby Union (51498) **12.00** Golf (48986) **12.30am** Sports Centre (91580) **1.00** Superbikes (10986) **2.00-2.30** Sports Centre (48257)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Beach Volleyball (71818160) **1.00pm** Golf (34789769) **4.30** Watersports (56668905) **5.30** Cycling (77160817) **6.00** Beach Volleyball (71647672) **7.00** Sports Centre (92577382) **7.30** Golf (70801566) **11.00** Rebel Sports (27590160) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (77599189)

EUROSPORT

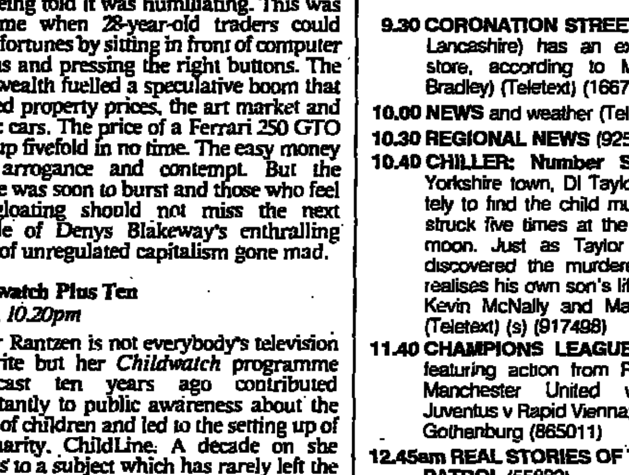
7.30am Soccer (39382) **8.30** Motor Sport (15030) **10.30** Soccer (96189) **12.30pm** Basketball (14479) **1.00** Live Tennis (9907127) **10.00** Motors (18740) **11.00** Equestrianism (74837) **12.00-12.30** All Sports (33054)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (4513392) **6.30** Tickle on the Tum (16500721) **6.45** 1-2-3 Go! (80756789) **7.00** Albion (2082383) **7.15** Tickle on the Tum (62466672) **7.30** Graham's Ark (2704566) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (6570740) **8.30** Runway (9579011) **9.00** Families (9560363) **9.30** Crown Court Special (1773740) **10.00** On the Big Hill: Everest (2508634) **10.30** The Brothers McGregor (9586547) **11.00** Jeeves and Wooster (2713214) **12.00** Affairs of the Heart (9580127) **12.30pm** Classic Coronation Street (1784856) **1.00** Crown Court (2717030) **1.30** Families (1783127) **2.00** Within These Walls (2507363) **3.00** The Brothers McGregor (7504189) **3.30** Disguises (3264456) **4.00** All for Love (53138276) **5.15** Families (4834168) **6.00** The Doctor Series: In Charge 2 (7864419) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (9864699) **7.00** Crown Court Special (7529498) **7.30** Affairs of the Heart (7969053) **8.00** Jeeves and Wooster (2803295) **9.00** The Good Life Guide (3955589) **9.25** Classic Coronation Street (3437721) **10.00-11.00** El Cid **From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors**

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features **From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine,** includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith **From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty.** Includes Natural Health **From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden.** Includes The Good Life Style Guide



Mastroianni and Loren in *Pret-A-Porter* (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (8066278) **5.00** The Ten Greatest American Cars of the 20th-Century (2325214) **6.00** The Spitfire Diamond Jubilee Air Show (3129789) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Charles Lindbergh (8512943)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from 8pm-4am Monday to Wednesday and 1am-4am Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from 8am-4am every day on cable **6.00pm** Amazing Stories (2302383) **8.30** Amazing Stories (2321498) **9.00** FILM: An American Werewolf in London (8591450) **11.00** FILM: Child's Play 3 (4606295) **12.50am** FILM: Omen III: The Final Conflict (41851702) **3.00** Friday the 13th (6102509) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (16379696)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7851905) **9.30** Stars and Gardens (4004061) **10.00** Two's Country (4037924) **10.30** The House (7857189) **11.00** Homemaker (5431059) **11.30** Craftwise (5492160) **12.00** Julia Child (7871769) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (6909617) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7439059) **1.30** Home Again, with Bob Vila (7359158) **2.00** Hometime (8432837) **2.30** Garden Club (6148837) **3.00** Screaming Reels (8444672) **3.30-4.00** This Old House, with Steve and Norm (5143382) **DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm.** **4.00pm** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (5139189) **4.30** Bush Tucker Man (5151301) **5.00** Time Travellers (8423189) **5.30** Jurassica (5142653) **6.00** Wild Things: Savannah Watch (5359978) **7.00** Next Step (8436653) **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers (5152030) **8.00** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (8445301) **8.30** Ghosthunters 2 (8431108) **9.00** Unexplained (2611059) **10.00** The Specialists (2681818) **11.00-12.00** Hallowe'en: The Voodoo (7416108)

UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (7409618) **7.30** Give Us A Clue (7411653) **8.00** Neighbours (5482672) **8.25** EastEnders (5969295) **9.00** The Bill (7853363) **9.30** Big Deal (3232108) **10.30** The Sullivans (7859547) **11.00** Juliet Bravo (7420301) **12.00** Sale of the Century (7873127) **12.30pm** Neighbours (4709635) **1.00** EastEnders (1932498) **1.35** Rosie (1318943) **2.25** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (63786214) **2.55** Get Some In! (9385479) **3.30** The Bill (5145740) **4.00** Casualty (72076092) **5.05** Larry Grayson's Generation Game (65954769) **6.10** After the Show Short (8649837) **6.25** EastEnders (4820160) **7.00** Ken Dodd's World of Laughter (4921943) **7.55** Funny You Ask (8477382) **8.25** On the Up (1007943) **9.00** Taggart (10453295) **10.05** The Bill (5295837) **10.40** The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin (8942059) **11.15** The Best of Top of the Pops (9356479) **11.55 FILM: Father, Dear Father** (17726721) **2.00am** Shopping at Night (9100238)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (5334519) **6.20** Meltdown, Cybernet (9390827) **6.45** Degrassi Junior High (427634) **7.15** Ready or Not (424547) **7.45** California Dreams (423818) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (961653) **8.45** Art Attack (8179276) **9.00** Tiny TCC (Until 3.00pm), Tiny and Crew (9395566) **9.20** Mr Benn (9308030) **9.40** Teddy Trucks (4393011) **9.50** Towser (4398295) **10.00** 10plus2 (7269818) **10.20** The Clangers (8090479) **10.40** Bertha (3497672) **11.00** Dinobabies (21108) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (22837) **12.00** Barney (28108) **12.30pm** Oscar's Orchestra (56479) **1.00** Casper and Friends (38160) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (45936295) **1.55** Mr Benn (77795214) **2.20** Towser (80207030) **2.30** Christopher Crocodile (3014818) M12 40 Bertha (9597108) **3.00** Degrassi Junior High (8160) **3.30** Ready or Not (7547) **4.00** California Dreams (9382) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High

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6.00am Grimmy (76382) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (39276) **7.00** Mighty Max (61363) **7.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (80498) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (89295) **8.30** Hey Arnold (88566) **9.00** Rugrats (85030) **10.00** Aaahh! Real Monsters (53856) **10.30** Doug (91030) **11.00** Rocko's Modern Life (78092) **11.30** Wishbone (79721) **12.00** Clarissa Explains It All (82382) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (10653) **1.00** The Secret World of Alex Mack (60634) **1.30** Ren and Stimpy (19924) **2.00** Inseklors (3237) **2.30** The Adventures of Pete and Pete (2214) **3.00** Doug (5672) **3.30** Bailey Kippers Point of View (4059) **4.00** Rocko's Modern Life (621276) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (4295)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (7653) **7.30** Benson (1739) **8.00** Due South (52473) **9.00** Almost Perfect (98856) **9.30** Taxi (49419) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (83011) **10.30** Dr Katz (85289) **11.00** NightStand (70011) **12.00** Sledge Hammer! (46528) **12.30am** Kids in the Hall (99122) **1.00** Due South (18528) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (46899) **2.30** Dr Katz (25306) **3.00-4.00** NightStand (69412)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (1654350) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (1854568) **2.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (4032479) **3.00** Land of the Giants (5423030) **4.00 FILM: Pop!** (8442214) **6.00** Joe 90 (5136092) **6.30** Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (5150672) **7.00** The Water Margin (2602301) **8.00** Remington Steele (2688721) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (2608585) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Zombie Flesh Eaters** (5422301)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (6898672) **7.00** Looking Good, with Amanda (4927479) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (8099479) **8.20** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (1656450) **8.55** Turnabout (2131214) **9.35** Lesley's Budget Banquets (5278127) **10.00** Super Fresco Fabulosious (1097382) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (8381740) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8477721) **11.55** Brookside (72137547) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (99552653) **12.50** Gabrielle (9945450) **1.40** Rolonda (7986276) **2.30** Looking Good, with Amanda (7270769) **3.00** Charlie's Angels (7594108) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (7254721) **4.30** Talkabout (7582027) **5.05** Lingo (92909634) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7274585) **6.00** Bewitched (7271498) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (9945289) **7.05** Brookside (2091127) **7.35** Super Fresco Fabulosious (6898818) **7.40** Trivial Pursuit (8528059) **8.00** General Practice (1169634) **9.00 FILM: Nobody's Child** (63685301) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (4339189) **10.55-12.00** The Sex Files II (24710363)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (8455) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (94160) **6.30** Catchphrase (3081) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (8699) **7.30** Sweet Justice (49295) **8.30** Rising Damp (8924) **9.00** Bergerac (62943) **10.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: From Doon, with Death (65030) **11.00** Only When I Laugh (13189) **11.30** Home to Roost (27566) **12.00** Moonlighting (89344) **1.00am** Bergerac (54344) **2.00** Sweet Justice (93798) **3.00** Moonlighting (12528) **4.00** All Together Now (73967) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (52899)

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7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Lifestyle East **8.30** Positive Health Show **9.00** Bengali Serial Kagajer Bou **9.30** Hi! Tri Hi! Hai **10.00** Tara **11.00** Women's Magazine Programme: Manesi **11.30** Darrar **12.00** Dance Mania **12.30pm** Talaash **1.00 Hindi FILM: Suraag** **4.00** Public Demand **5.00** ZEE Zone **5.30** Film Chakkar **6.00** Campus **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Game Show **7.30** Bengoi Apni Baat **8.00** News **8.30** Dastaan **9.05 Urdu FILM: Ishq Par Zor Nahin** **11.30-12.00** Film Deewane (55039721)

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PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Chick Corea (1165818) **8.00** Aria (7193214) **8.30** Don Giovanni Tenorio (8195568) **10.00** American Ballet Theatre in San Francisco (7591011) **12.00-1.00am** Herbie Mann's Jasil Brass (7518493)

CARLTON SELECT

5.00pm Blockbusters (92562450) **5.30** All Together Now (65465289) **6.00** Hey Dad (72110112) **6.30** Men of the World (86415504) **7.00** Boon (76296276) **8.00** Just a Gigolo (92568634) **8.30** Switch On (92587769) **9.00** Gone to Seed (76285160) **10.00** Charlie (76295547) **11.00** Let the Blood Run Free (27505092) **11.30-12.00** Men of the World (77597721)

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English champions forget domestic troubles and concentrate on European adventure

United looking for control from Cantona

By Peter Ball

MANCHESTER United stand on the brink of a great adventure. A win over Fenerbahçe at Old Trafford tonight will virtually guarantee them a place in the quarter-finals of the European Cup for the first time for 28 years, and end their, and England's, recent embarrassments in the Champions' League.

"It'll be a great night for the players, and a great opportunity for them," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. "We wanted to get over the Champions' League stage, because it has been a thorn in our flesh in our last two experiences."

If they win, only victory for Rapid Vienna in Turin tonight can prevent — or at least delay — United's entry into the quarter-finals. But if a win for Rapid seems unlikely, United's success tonight now seems far less assured than when they won 2-0 in Istanbul two weeks ago.

Since then, United have let in 11 goals in two matches. They conceded five against Newcastle United at St James' Park, which could happen to anybody, and six at Southampton, which does not usually happen to lesser sides, let alone the English champions.

Ferguson refused even to discuss the recent failures, but suddenly, with Bruce gone, Pallister struggling with injuries, and forwards queueing up to chip Peter Schmeichel, that proud, unbeaten record in European competitions at Old Trafford, stretching over 40 years and more than 50 games, looks vulnerable.

The suggestion that a Turkish team might succeed where Real Madrid, AC Milan and Juventus have failed seems far-fetched, but the record nearly fell to Galatasaray three years ago, when Cantona's late equaliser saved it.

Much may depend on Cantona again tonight, for he has been even more out of sorts than his colleagues. "I didn't know I could play so badly," he said after United's victory over Liverpool on October 12.

Since then, he has played equally badly, and his temperament, under such tight control last year, has also begun to flare. "It is a good advantage for us if Cantona has problems," Jes Hogh, the Fenerbahçe defender, said. "If he doesn't play well, the whole team has problems. They seem to have a problem finding someone to take control of the game."

United will need Cantona to control himself, and make a significant contribution tonight. Equally, much will also depend on Fenerbahçe's taste for the battle. They know they have to win to maintain any interest in the competition, and are reportedly on a win bonus of £10,000 a man.

That should inspire them, and the ability of their Nigeria international, Jay Jay Okocha, and the goalscoring touch of Bolic, who had a disappointing game in Istanbul but has a domestic record of nine goals in 11 games, should ensure United do not take too much for granted.

Okocha was a major threat in Istanbul. "He played in areas we didn't expect, and for the first 15 minutes, until we got it sorted out, they had us stretched all over the place," Ferguson said.

Pallister is rated "very doubtful" by Ferguson and his absence would be a serious blow, although Ronnie Johnsen will be fit to replace him.

There was better news yesterday of Nicky Butt, who did light training. He will have a fitness test at lunchtime. If he does join Roy Keane in the centre of midfield, United will have strong cover in front of their back four.

If Butt fails, it will almost certainly mean Beckham moving in to partner Keane, and a tactical rethink. "If he doesn't make it, I will have to think seriously about playing a different way," Ferguson said.

Giggs definitely will be missing, which will undermine United's attack, but Fenerbahçe, too, have fitness doubts about Hogh, Kostadinov and Bulent. If Keane can repeat his breathtaking form of the game against Rapid, and Cantona can recapture his form, United should overpower Fenerbahçe.

"If we qualify for the quarter-finals it will be a tremendously proud moment," Ferguson said. "To get to the next stage, a quarter-final tie in March against Porto or AC Milan, gets the adrenalin going."

On form, that may be a step too far, but Ferguson is already relishing the prospect. "Once we qualify, we can improve," he said. "I think we'll be better in March or April. We're a young side and learning with every game.

"It'll be a great experience for the players, a really fabulous match in prospect. It's the kind of thing we want. People say it's the hardest draw, but it's better being there than not being there." Indeed.

Nick Barmby, Middlesbrough's England striker, joined Everton for £5.75 million last night. Liverpool and Leeds United were also linked with the 22-year-old after the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson, announced last week he was prepared to receive offers for the former Tottenham player. Barmby joined Middlesbrough from White Hart Lane for £5.25 million in August 1995.

The Ajax players, Musampa, left, and Veldman, in training for the match at Ibrox tonight, where they hope to secure a quarter-final place

Rangers take a chance on Wilson

By Kevin McCarra

THE European Cup Champions' League match at Ibrox this evening will be one of the rare occasions in which Ajax are made to appear irredeemably staid. The Dutch club has a brash tradition of pitching youngsters into important games, but even they might balk at the notion of giving a teenager his debut on such a night.

Scott Wilson, 19, is to start against Ajax in exactly those circumstances, but his selection owes more to Rangers' desperation than to their audacity. In August his club, in accordance with Uefa requirements, nominated 25 players for use in the six Champions' League matches and 13 of them have since succumbed to injury or suspension.

The rules, however, also allow fledgelings such as Wilson, a centre half, to be used. He will replace Gough, the Rangers' captain, who collected his second booking of the tournament during the 4-1 defeat in Amsterdam a fortnight ago.

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said: "Like a lot of the younger ones, Scott is in his fourth year at Ibrox and has come out of a very successful youth team. The most common gripe from them is that they don't get enough opportunities to play in the first team. Well, he's got one now."

This, however, is hardly the most favourable moment for him to try his hand at senior football. Rangers have lost their first three games in the Champions' League this season, extending to 11 matches their run of fixtures without a win in the group stage of the European Cup. Worse still, Wilson will be confronted this evening by Patrick Kluivert.

The Ajax forward, whose goal defeated AC Milan in the 1995 final of the tournament, has been poorly protected from his own enthusiastic desire to take part this season and earlier attempts to return after a knee injury suffered in the spring proved premature. Kluivert, 20, is making more measured progress in his latest comeback and he has scored on his last two appearances.

Smith, understandably, avoided direct comparison of the resources available to each club. "With so many players missing," he said, "the tactical part is less important to us. We have to get people together and working to put Ajax under pressure. We did a bit of that at the start of the match in Amsterdam, now we must do more."

Rangers will be captained by Brian Laudrup, who bemoaned the loss of the sort of quality and experience possessed by Gough and Paul Gascoigne, who, like Alex Cleland and Craig Moore, are suspended. The Dane could only echo his manager's words and hope that some mighty spirit of collective endeavour can be summoned up by a patchwork team.

If all such talk amounts only to wishful thinking, this could be a particularly distressing night for the Scots. Ajax cannot afford to dawdle when their place in the quarter-finals of the European Cup is still to be claimed. In addition, Louis van Gaal's club has yet to prove that it can survive as a major institution.

The Bosman ruling removed Edgar Davids and Michael Reiziger, without compensation, this summer and Kluivert and Jari Litmanen may leave on the same basis next year. For now, though, Ajax remain rich in talent and mounted a show of strength by deciding that Dani, who scored twice against Rangers in Amsterdam, did not even merit a place in the party brought to Glasgow.

RANGERS (probable; 3-5-2): T Snelders — S Wilson, G Petric, J Bjorklund — G Shields, D McInnes, C Miller, J Albertz, D Robertson — P van Vossen, B Laudrup.

AJAX (probable; 3-4-3): E Van der Sar — M Santos, F de Boer, W Bogarde — R de Boer, J Veldman, M Reuser, A Scholten — T Babangida, P Kluivert, M Overmars.

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Takeover could halt Yorkshire move

By Simon Wilde

LEEDS rugby league club is to remain at Headingley, rather than relocate to Elland Road, after a takeover yesterday. The new owner of the ground, Paul Caddick, is to make fresh efforts to persuade Yorkshire county cricket club to stay there, rather than move to a new £50 million site near Wakefield.

The directors of Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Company rejected a rival bid from Caspian, owners of Leeds United football club, which committed the rugby league team to a move to Elland Road. This proposal had angered supporters of both clubs, who expressed their opposition with a petition bearing 14,000 signatures.

Caddick is chairman of Leeds rugby union club's development committee and was a former player with Headingley and Castleford. He made it clear yesterday that he wanted Headingley to be a centre for both rugby codes, as well as cricket.

Yorkshire's proposed move has met with fierce opposition, with members intent on calling a public meeting and a ballot to properly weigh feelings. Despite such threats, the club appears to be intent on going ahead, despite doubts over the likelihood of receiving £28 million from the National Lottery.

"This site [Headingley] is just not sustainable without cricket," Caddick said yesterday. "In the past, they [Yorkshire] have been tenants and have had very little financial benefit from the site. Perhaps new arrangements can be made whereby they could gain benefits.

"I'm very firmly of the belief that Yorkshire will not leave Headingley. It is unrealistic to expect public funds to be used to support a £50 million ground for a five-day annual event [a Test match]."

Caddick bought a majority shareholding in Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Club after joining forces with Gary Hetherington, chairman and founder of Sheffield Eagles, who joins Leeds as chief executive, replacing Alf Davies.

There was immediate speculation that Hetherington might attempt to bring in Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, to whom he is assistant on the South Pacific tour, in an attempt to improve the rugby league club's fortunes.

Leeds had a disappointing first season in the Super League and Caddick has promised funds will be available to strengthen the team.

Time & Tide finishes with a flourish

Edward Gorman

witnesses the

completion of a

remarkable journey

BT

Global Challenge

She may have been the last in, but even the sun, which has been in short supply over the last few days, came out to welcome *Time & Tide* as she made her stately progress to the Yacht Club of Rio de Janeiro yesterday morning, where she received the biggest reception of all the first-leg finishers in the BT Global Challenge.

There were crew volunteers from all the other boats waiting to shout "three cheers" and amongst the first on board to congratulate the skipper, James Hatfield, and his disabled sailors was Boris Webber, whose *Courtaulds International* had finished 2½ hours earlier.

Hatfield's team had fought with Webber's every inch of the way over the last 2,000 miles and had taken the lead twice — for the second, tantalising time within a few miles of the finish — and were desperately disappointed not to have prevailed at the end.

However, watching the *Time & Tide* crew, which includes amputees, two with cerebral palsy and survivors of cancer, it was impossible not to be moved by their courage and determination not only to sail the Atlantic but to do so on such a heavy and physically demanding boat.

"We've got a lot of friends throughout this fleet," Hatfield said as, one after another, his fellow Challengers shook his hand and patted him on the back. "My crew got used to the fact that they could drive the boat hard and be safe. We always said this was the training leg for us and that's exactly what it was. I'm very proud of them, they've done well."

Courtaulds endured the worst first leg of the fleet and emerged understandably depressed to have finished in thirteenth place and almost four days behind the leader, *Group 4*, skippered by Mike Golding. A succession of mishaps brought them down after one of the best starts in the Solent. They missed the tide gate at Ushant, when 11 of the crew were incapacitated with seasickness. Several days' later, they blew two spinnakers and broke a pole. Gybing the spinnaker in any sort of breeze after that became a big undertaking, involving dropping the 3,500 sq ft sail, repacking it and then re-hoisting it. This took on average about two hours.

Pat Redman, the crew doctor, who has decided not to continue the race after being seasick for almost the entire leg, spoke bravely about her battle to overcome it and the agonising decision to call it a day. "It's demoralising. It just makes every single thing an effort. It's tough enough at sea to do things half the time. When you are throwing up, it makes it even harder."

After a report in *The Times* about her decision to withdraw last week and Chay Blyth's search for a medically-qualified person to take her place at short notice, three doctors have applied to fill her berth for the Cape Horn leg. The successful candidate, who is expected to be chosen today, will be required to pay the full fee for the leg of £6,800. Although all the skippers have undergone medical training, Blyth likes to have a doctor or paramedic on board each boat.

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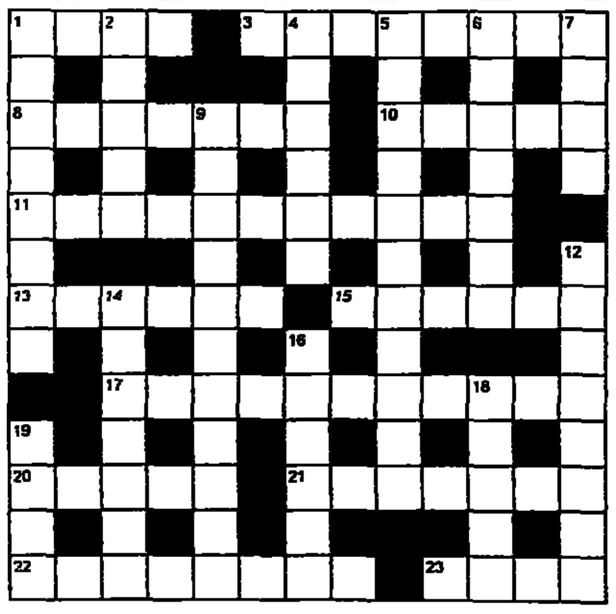

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ACROSS
- 1 Dismiss; big bag (4)
- 3 Offer of marriage (8)
- 8 Roofless (bus) (4-3)
- 10 Offer one's view (5)
- 11 Sherlock Holmes roomed in it (5,6)
- 13 Open gallery, porch (6)
- 15 Fleshy hindquarter (6)
- 17 Desire-heightening drug (11)
- 20 Last Greek letter (5)
- 21 To do with sight (7)
- 22 Brothers (*arch.*) (8)
- 23 William —, Tallis colleague (4)

DOWN
- 1 Winter plaything; disgraced pig (*Animal Farm*) (8)
- 2 Verify (5)
- 4 Estimation (6)
- 5 Labouring class (*Marx*) (11)
- 6 Strong, orig. Cambs., cheese (7)
- 7 Drink sediment (4)
- 9 A steam clean (7,4)
- 12 In irons (8)
- 14 Seductive look (4,3)
- 16 Merry (6)
- 18 Irritating, tickling (5)
- 19 Cock's crest; honey store (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 925

ACROSS: 6 Twelfth Night 7 Mangle 8 Quirky 9 Shah 10 Treatise 12 Fly-paper 16 Rack 18 Subdue 20 Frigid 21 Freudian slip

DOWN: 1 Hedge-hop 2 Effect 3 Cheque 4 Mimi 5 Chokes 6 Teach 11 Terrible 13 Louvre 14 Précis 15 Refine 17 Crisp 19 Do up

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